"I met Espi Navarro (senior) in Photography and we became friends. She is my mother."
Anthony Bellahcen, 9

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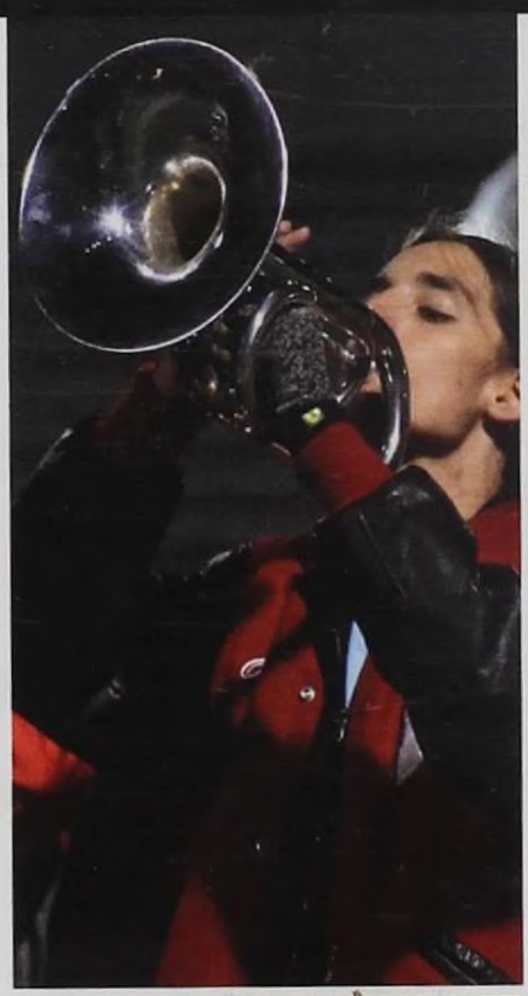
Paragon 2020

"I love my team."
Harper Swope, 11



"It's nice to have a place you can fall back on if you do need help."
Oliver Segvich, 12

"It's fun to see kids take spirit days to the extreme."
Tommy Choros, 10

"I enjoy dancing and I enjoy representing my school because everyone can see how skilled our team is."
Clara Zuniga, 11

"Our normal director, Mrs. Speranza, was on maternity leave and we had a new director, Mr. Whitney. It was a little different, but we still enjoyed playing the music."
Peter Hwang, 10

Your world starts with you. Every decision you make is yours. From 7:35 a.m. to 2:55 p.m., you find yourself at 8808 Columbia Ave. You go to MRT, you laugh with friends at "have a mustang day" over the intercom and you bump into freshmen that don't walk on the right side of the hall. There is so much more that happens in life, and if there is ever something that you don't like, all you need to do is...

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Bowmaster Playing the violin, Peter Hwang, sophomore, practices diligently. The Orchestra practiced in class every day to improve their skills. "We were preparing for our Halloween concert," Peter said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Dance revolution At the Homecoming pep rally, Clara Zuniga, junior, strikes a pose. Clara and the dance team performed a routine for the student body to promote school spirit. "I was a little nervous at first," Clara said. "But being a junior, I was more used to performing, so it was more fun and exciting for me." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Meet the press Sitting in the press booth, Cole Lesinski, senior, Nick Eng, senior, and Blake Siurek, sophomore, announce during the Powderpuff game. Moments before, the seniors had just scored. "The seniors ended up losing and it was really disappointing," Cole said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Cheers Standing at the sidelines, seniors Emme Poulston and Sydney Foster cheer during the Powderpuff game. The juniors won the game 30-18 against the seniors. "Being on Powderpuff made me feel like a senior," Sydney said. "Even though we lost, I still had so much fun." **Photo by Robert Young**

Loud and proud Showing his school pride, Joshua Davis, senior, shouts at the Homecoming pep rally. That day, Joshua and other seniors dressed up for their special, seniors-only Hawaiian spirit day. "The pep rally was really fun," Josh said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

"My favorite part (of the Homecoming pep rally) wa the musical chairs game."
Josh Davis, 12

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Picture perfect In Photography class, Lauren Robinson, freshman, adjusts her camera. Students took photos that would eventually be developed in the darkroom. "It was really fun to see the film get developed and to see it as a print," Lauren said. **Photo by Robert Young** **Toss and turn** Maintaining focus, Miguel Gambetta, sophomore, tosses a frisbee. As a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Club, which would play ultimate frisbee after school for up to two hours. "I originally joined because a lot of my band friends did," Miguel said, "It ended up making me more confident and social." **Photo by Lana Salahieh** **Tough talk** At a football game, Noah Poole, junior, speaks with Coach Drew Martin, math teacher. Coach talks usually covered gameplay strategies. "Sometimes you don't notice everything from your perspective, and coaches give you a second look on it," Poole said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **What's old is new** Just like the flowers in front of the Main Entrance, the school has grown and evolved. **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

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Enrollment

Faculty	80
Students	1,514
9	369
10	400
11	361
12	372
13	12

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Charged up

Studying in the Media Center, Drew Westland, senior, completes an assignment while charging his laptop. Drew has been studying in the Media Center ever since it has been offered to him for a quiet space to focus and its helpful amenities. "Personally, it has benefitted me because if I can't focus in study hall or I need to charge my laptop, there is a place I can go to do my homework," Drew said.
Photo by Robert Young

Fun and games

Laughing in the fresh air, Alyssa Bass, senior, and Atarah Israel, sophomore, enjoy themselves. The two Crier staffers were playing in the Publications kickball game against the Paragon staff on a sunny day after school. "Alyssa and I were having a lot of fun," Atarah said. "We weren't even paying attention. Just goofing off."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Weed whacker

After school, Grace Gozdecki, senior, pulls weeds in front of the main entrance. Grace was doing the yardwork as a part of the MHS Beautification Project in order to get NHS points. "It needed all that work," Grace said. "We probably spent two hours working on it, but we got so much work done." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Defining word

In a world of changes, people will still have one constant: that one word that continues to define their world. Look to the bottom of the page throughout the book to find out what word defines each person's individual world.

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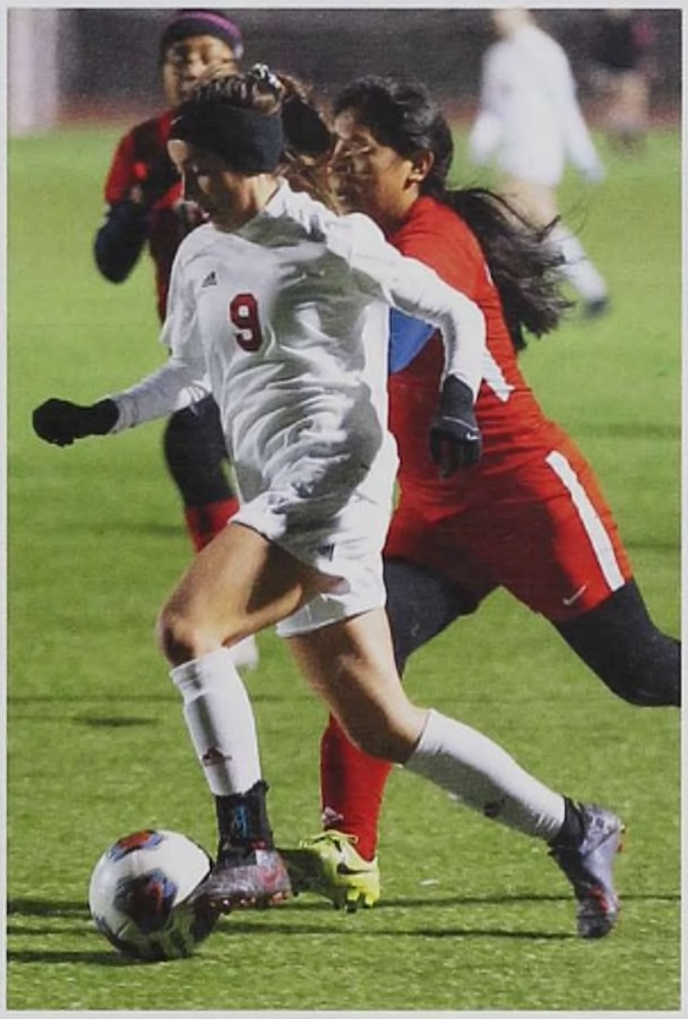
Worksheet warriors
In AP Environmental Science class, Jacob Corner, Eric Harvath, and Joey Marcus, juniors, work on a worksheet over population growth rates. The trio worked together often in the class. "The faster we got it done, the less homework we would have to do once school was over," Joey said. **Photo by Lauren Morris**



On the field
Dribbling away from the opposing team during a Girls' Soccer game, Anna Castillo, freshman, gives it her all. However, keeping possession of the ball could often prove stressful. "I get a little stressed out if I have someone on my back, but then I look around for my teammates to distribute the ball," Castillo said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

RED. It's everywhere. Speckled floors, bright painted trim, and a new main office reign in a new era of spirit and pride. New teachers are welcomed, new pathways are set and students open a new chapter as mustangs. Whether we see it in the students cheering during musical chairs at the Homecoming pep rally or the seniors winning the annual food drive, we know that we can change the world around us. It's up to you to take your world and redefine it.

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IT'S YOUR WORLD

All of it. It was all here. It was listening to Mr. Pierie's song of the day. It was walking with friends to North. For four years, this was our world, and it was personal. We decided our classes and our paths. We pulled all those all-nighters to finish our Capstones for Mr. Stepnoski. We became CPR certified with Mr. Marsh. We got to see all of our pals every day. This year, it was our world, so we did what we wanted.

Your world

Throughout the book, students were asked to describe the different topics and things that defined their world.

What word defines MHS?

"Bold."
Finn Meyer, 9

"Accepting."
Alicia Powell, 9

"Over-achieving."
Tanner Radowski, 9

"Energetic."
Jerry Huffman, 10

"Positive."
Giovanni Mayorga, 10

"Great."
Amyah Payton, 10

"Competitive."
Alison Lee, 10

"Broken."
Max Marich, 11

"Diverse."
Srija Thipirneni, 12

"Opportunistic."
Lana Salahieh, 11

"Fine."
Alyssa Bass, 12

Highest honors

Former faculty and alumni were awarded for their career and life achievements

Back to school

During the fourth annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Major David Daniels and Sami Muhrez, senior, listen to David Young while he gives a short speech. The ceremony took place in the auditorium on Aug. 23. Some students watched in the auditorium, while others watched the ceremony via livestream.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Alumni

Bob Shinkan (Class of '71)
MHS math teacher and coach

Paula Malinski (Class of '74)
Retired MHS gym teacher

Victoria Bussert (Class of '75)
Professor of Music Theatre

Nina Bilimoria (Class of '00)
Education Technology Strategy and Marketing Leader

Danielle Dellorto (Class of '00)
Journalist, Producer

David Young (Class of '01)
Television Writer

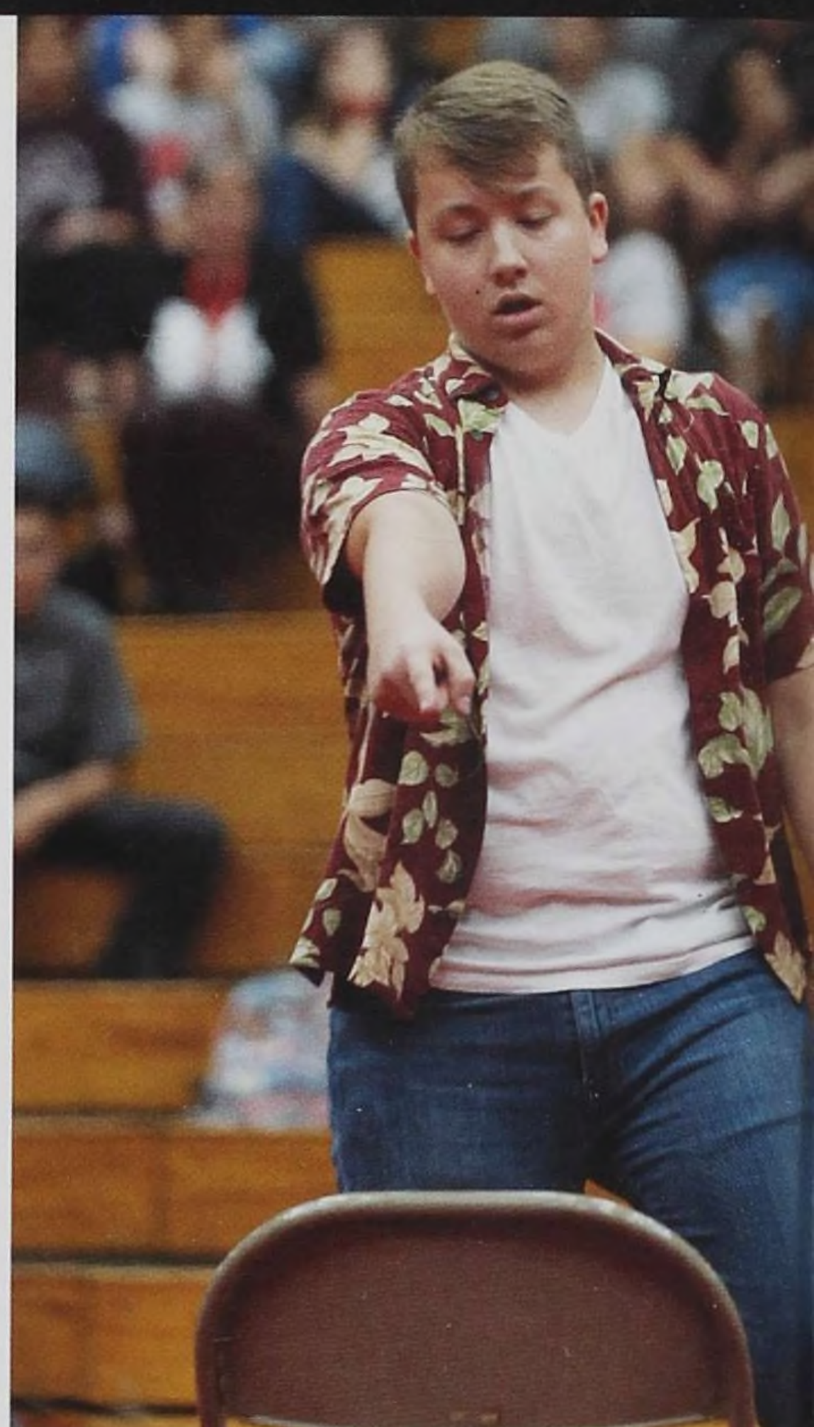
Major David Daniel (Class of '01)
U.S. Army Experimental Test Pilot

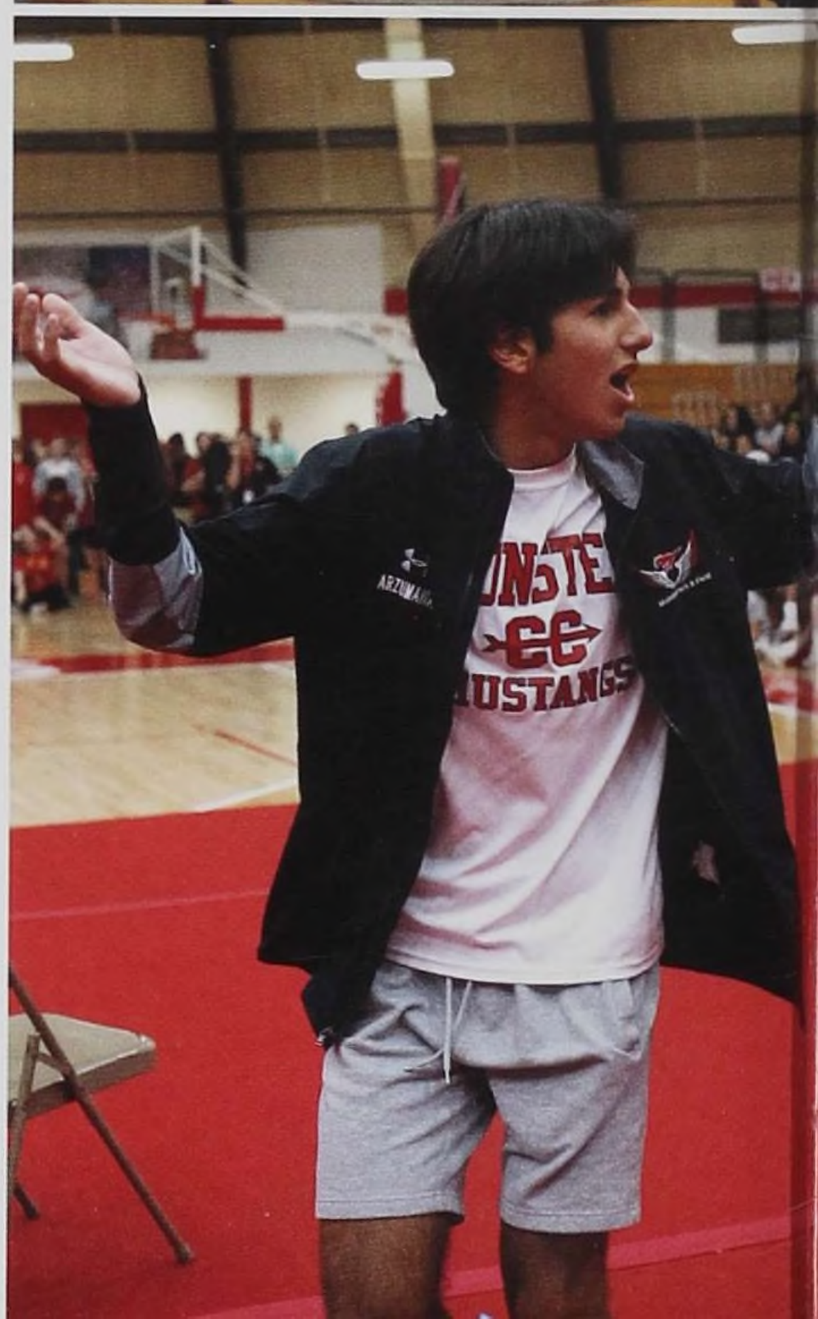
Faculty and staff

David Franklin
(Faculty from 1979 - 2013)
Science Department

John Friend
(Faculty from 1964-1980)
Athletics Department

Renee Kouris
(Faculty from 1975-2008)
English, Theatre Arts, and Speech Department





Madame president As the student body president, Alyssa Nahnsen, senior, leads the students in school spirit. **Photo by Robert Young** **Chair chase** For the last round of musical chairs, Noel Fary, senior, points at the last chair. Noel won the Homecoming musical chairs game. "I wanted to get the crowd hyped," Noel said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Musical chairs** Waking around the last chair, Ari Arzumanian, junior, prepares for the final musical chair round at the Homecoming pep session. Ari lost the game to Noel Fary, senior. "The transition from two to four people during the game was my favorite part," Ari said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Good as new

A new year brings new things to our school

Who: Benjamin Boruff
What: English teacher
Where: His classroom

"(Coming to Munster) has made me a better teacher and I've enjoyed getting to know the staff and students."

Mr. Benjamin Boruff, English teacher

What: Mustang Wall Decal
Where: Math hall near the auditorium
Why: To add school spirit to the halls

"I think it makes people enjoy the school more and be proud like 'Yeah, this is my school and this is where we go.'"

Victor Vatchev, 10

What: John E. Friend Athletic Complex
Where: Entrance of football field
Why: To dedicate the field

"We have a lot of people coming to football and soccer games already, but the new improvements make it so that the parents and others can enjoy the fields too."

Kate Krawczyk, 10

Kindness day

Students in Mrs. Despina Liaskos' marketing class discuss our first day of kindness

Off the wall
While walking to MRT, Nick Hanas, sophomore, picks a heart off of the Kindness Day tree."It was very interesting because I didn't think a lot of people would take hearts of the wall," he said. **Photo by Cali Petersen**

Kindness facts

- The concept of Kindness Day was introduced by Joey Higgason, 9
- Students signed a poster pledging to be kind and took hearts off of the poster during lunch hours
- Mrs. Despina Liaskos' Marketing class created a video and the hearts for the event
- Each heart had a kind task on it for students to complete

"Nowadays people are so busy that something basic like being kind to others is forgotten."

Ben Blaesing, 12

"All around it's important to be kind - not just on one day, treat others how you want to be treated."

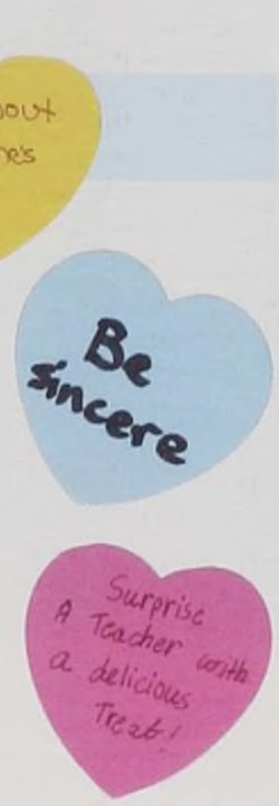
Emily Rakich, 11

"Preparing was a lot of work, but it was fun. It felt more like a club activity rather than being for a grade."

Christian Portone, 12

"Kindness day was well received and it was such a positive experience."

Mrs. Despina Liaskos, business teacher

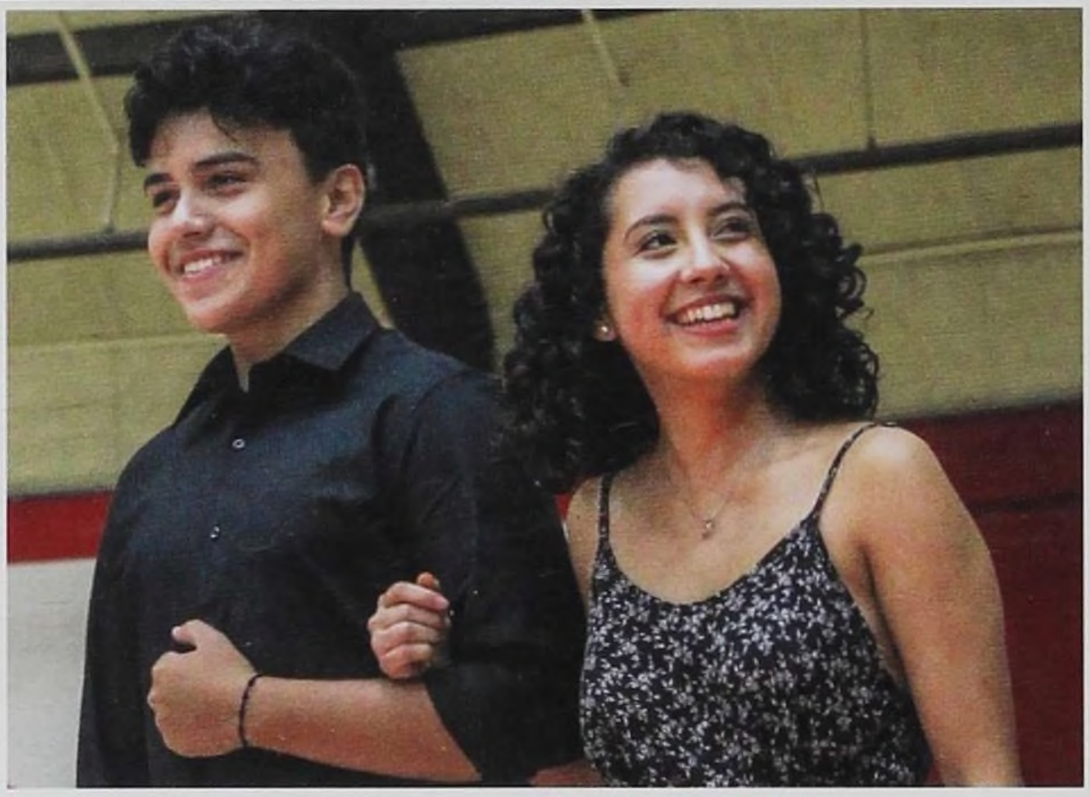


First snow fall Taking in the snow, Trina Tagamolila, junior, sees snow for the first time in four years. She moved to the Philippines and has recently returned. "It was beautiful," Trina said. "It was a relief to feel because it's very hot in the Philippines." **Photo by Demetrios Fotopoulos**

Puffy pillow Sitting on a beanbag, Aubrey Rivera, junior, gets comfy at Target. She goes there to shop for what she likes. "I like to shop for makeup, clothes, and sometimes food" Aubrey said. " **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

Court escort Locking arms, Fabian Carlos, senior, escorts Ariel Velasco, senior, to the Homecoming Court. "I got very nervous," Fabian said. "After the parade I just wanted to take a nap." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Selfie time Hangout with her sister, Alisha Evans, senior, Aleeza Evans, freshman, takes a selfie in the mirror for Snapchat. They took a trip to Target to do some shopping. **Photo by Angela Ortega**



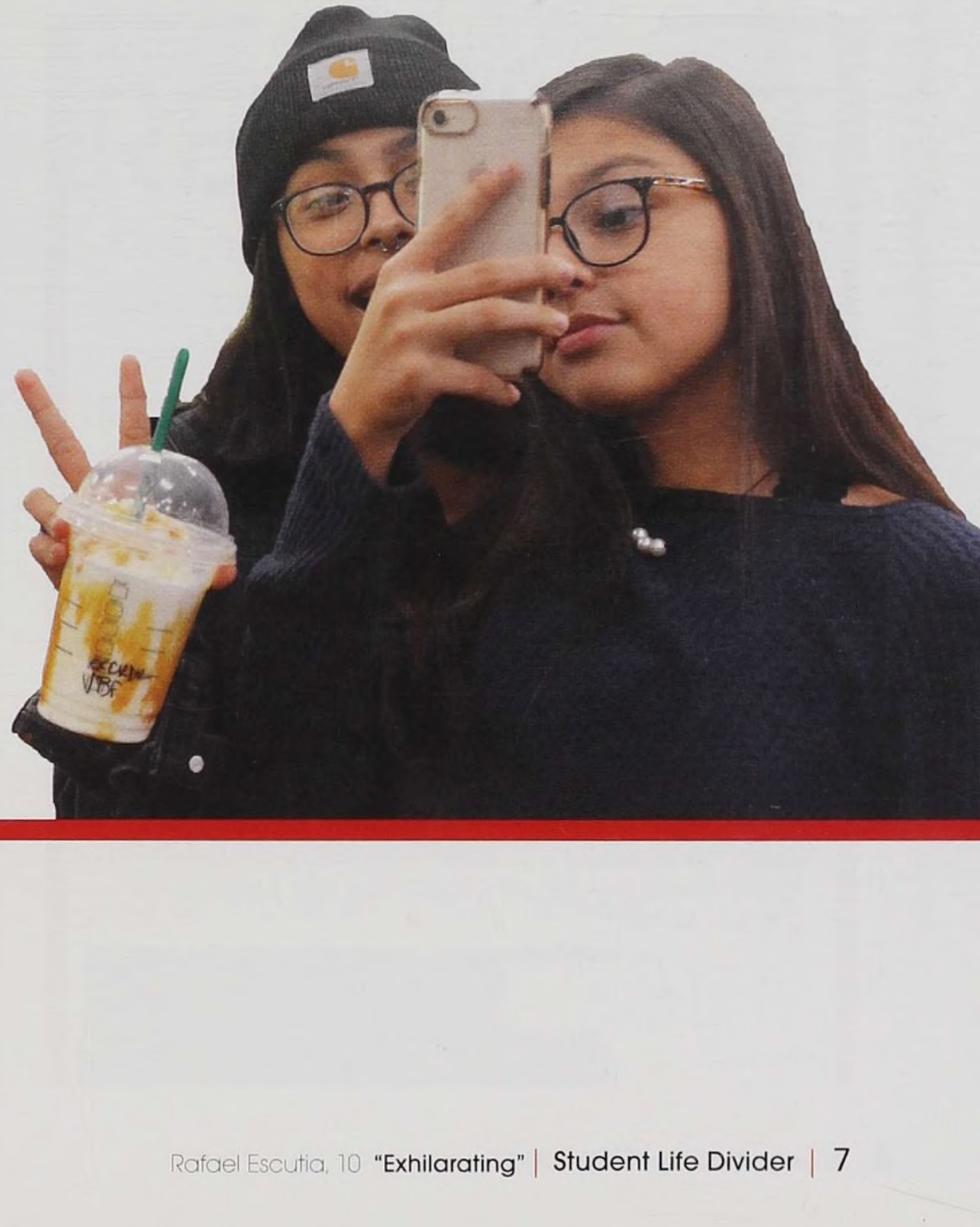
Food for thought

Working on an essay, Randal Harper, sophomore, brings out some chicken to help him focus. "Chicken makes my brain function, and it's my favorite food at the same time," Randal said. "I was eating it so I could do well on my essay." **Photo by Riley Ramirez**

Student Life:

Social media, dances and shopping

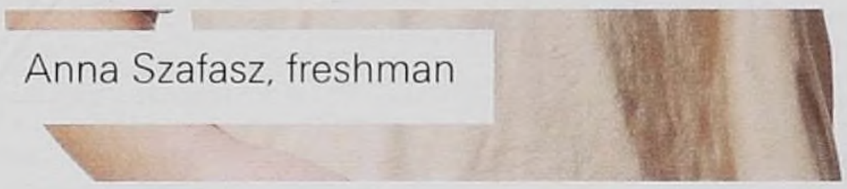
Carpooling with friends, a party in White Oak, a job at Munster Donuts, a drive to Starbucks to study just to end up sitting on your phone, a practice test for your driver's permit, and a struggle to find a ride to the Friday night basketball game. What do these all have in common? All of these are aspects of student life. Whether you share one of these aspects or all of them, you still can relate to the lives of other students. And if you don't find these relatable and want to make a switch, there's really quite a simple fix. Just take your world and redefine it.



"Target is really close to our house. We just go to have fun and mess around."
Aleeza Evans, 9

Anna Szafasz
"Humorous"

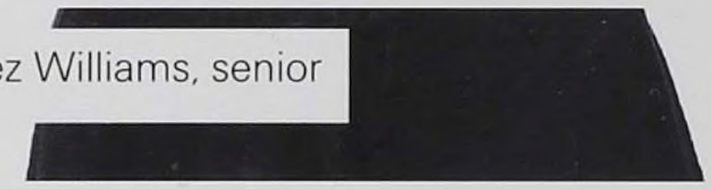
"I've always had bad anxiety and been very anxious, but it got bad during middle school and still is. Since then I'm always thinking about school and everything I have to do. Since my grades are so important to me, I stress about them a lot. So even on the weekends, I'm stressed out about all the tests and quizzes and never get to enjoy anything anymore."



Anna Szafasz, freshman

Mercedez Williams
"Quirky"

"I have a reason to live finally and I can enjoy waking up everyday—it isn't as much as a chore. I can look forward to life. By talking to people that care for me, it helps me through my problems."



Mercedez Williams, senior

Alisha Evans
"Feminist"

"I got diagnosed with OCD halfway through my junior year. I have a lot of ticks and things I have to do like having to touch certain things a certain amount of times before I can even walk down the hallway or leave the classroom. I usually have something in my hands like dice, I am on medication and I also go to therapy to help."

Alisha Evans, senior

Aidan Chism
"Driven"

"It was a lot of anxiety going through the transition between sophomore and junior year because you're really trying to figure yourself out and there is so much happening. I definitely did not handle it very well at first until I figured out what my coping mechanisms needed to be. Having people to talk to that understand what your stressors are will allow you to keep more in control and prevent you from collapsing down."

Aidan Chism, senior

Edgar Mariscal
"Independent"

"I think I've developed good mental health. I don't really care about anything that I shouldn't care about, and I try to just focus on my main goal and not let anything interrupt that."

Edgar Mariscal, sophomore

Imani Kemp
"Caring"

"I deal with mental health issues by praying, meditating and distancing myself from social media and people who bring negativity into my life. I love playing volleyball because it relieves stress and takes my mind off of a lot of things that I have to overcome."

Imani Kemp, senior

Anabelle Hauter
"Strong"

"I think the biggest step in recovery and moving forward is having a good support system and weekly therapy. For me, I think my mom and friends are the biggest things keeping me in the right direction. Also, if you're working to improve your own mental health issues, just know you're never alone, that you do deserve happiness, and recovery is possible. Slip ups are bound to happen, but you need to be real with yourself and challenge yourself to get back up."

Anabelle Hauter, junior

MENTAL HEALTH REDEFINE IT

One in five kids living in the U.S. show signs or symptoms of mental health disorder, according to National Public Radio. So, in a classroom of 30 students, six of them may be struggling with mental health issues. However, NPR says that nearly 80 percent of those struggling will not receive the help that they need. The problems they deal with can tie into serious issues within school.

For these reasons, be aware, reach out, share your concerns, and offer support to those who may need it.

Seven students were asked about their mental health and to describe themselves in one word.

Empty tank

Teens talk about their caffeine addiction

"It's the only thing that wakes me up in the morning and puts me in a good mood."
Amy Savickis, 10

"It gets me through my day and it lets me do my work easier. If I don't drink it, I get headaches."
Maddie Kozy, 12

"It makes me feel very awake and aware; almost happy becuase I don't feel tired at all."
Laura Murguia, 10

Photo provided by Aubrey Rivera

Car guy

All about Dylan's detailing

Who?

Dylan Alexander, junior

What?

Dylan owns a detailing business, called "Dylan's Detailing Business." He charges $100-200 depending on the car and how dirty it is.

When?

"I started this business during early summer because I've always been interested in cars."

Where?

"I detail them at my house in my garage. I use my own products involving all different types of cleaners, polishers, waxes and loads of towels."

Why?

"I hope to own a car dealership or an exotic car company in the future."

Stang gang
Wiping off the mustang logo, Dylan Alexander, junior, details his car." I do an interior detailing once a week and an exterior detail wax once every three weeks,"Dylan said.
Photo by Riley Ramirez

All dolled up

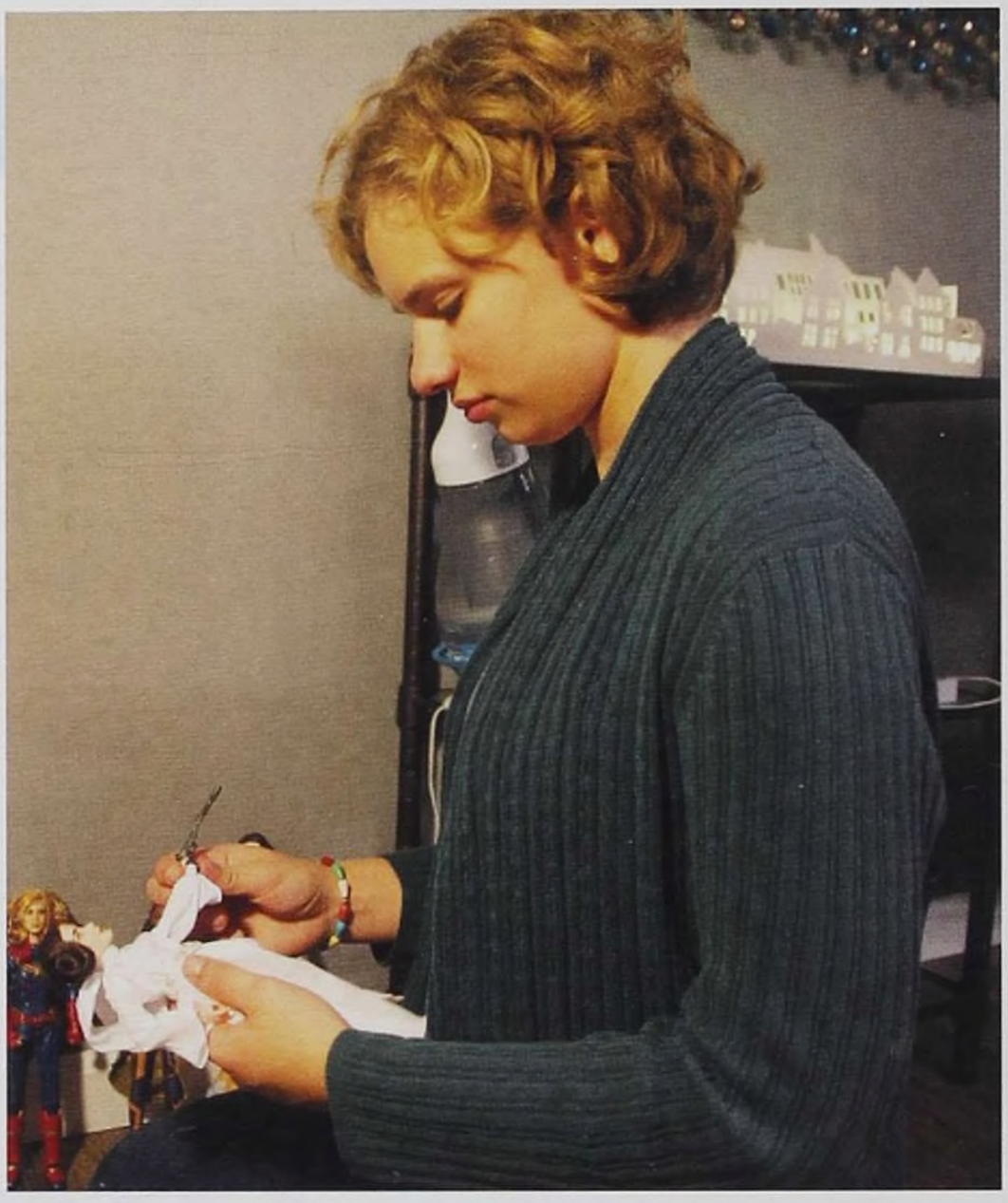
A sophomore and her doll collection

From the time she could remember, collecting dolls has always been a part of her childhood. Jane Potter, sophomore, had a wide variety of dolls that she collected as antiques.

"I liked to collect dolls that were super geeky. I had a lot of Star Wars and Marvel figures," Jane said.

Collecting from many stores and shops, Jane has a total of eight dolls, including a few from her younger years.

"I take them out of the box sometimes. I like to take a few photos of the dolls in the box, but after that I like to pose them and photograph them," Jane said."My favorite is my Shuri doll from Black Panther. I just really like that character and she has these gauntlets I also like. "



Girl power
Propping up her collection, Jane Potter, sophomore, adjusts her Princess Leia doll. "I got a couple from Disney and others from Target," Jane said. "My parents knew I liked them so they bought them for me."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

Girls and dolls

Jane Potter's raking of her favorites dolls in her collection

1. Shuri: bought at Disney store

2. Princess Leia: bought on Amazon

3. Wonder Woman: received as a gift

4. Captain Marvel: bought at Disneyland

5. Ahsoka Tano: received as a gift

6. Rey: bought on Amazon

7. Fan Bingbing: bought at a garage sale

8. Cat Woman: bought at Six Flags

Shifting gears
Showing the gears of his 2015 Nissan 370, Ethan Gill, senior, adjusts the volume. "I don't like when people park to close or touch it" Ethan said. "Its been my favorite car for a while and its one step closer to my dream car."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

Fast and furious
Parking his car at Blue Top, Aaron Perez, junior, shows off his 2006 Ford Musand GT Premium. He got his car over summer break. "Its like you can feel the power of the car while you're driving," Aaron said. **Photo by Riley Ramirez**

What's your bad habit?

"Sleeping after school."
Aleeza Evans, 9

"Procrastinating and then getting my work done at the last minute."
Ryan Hughes, 10

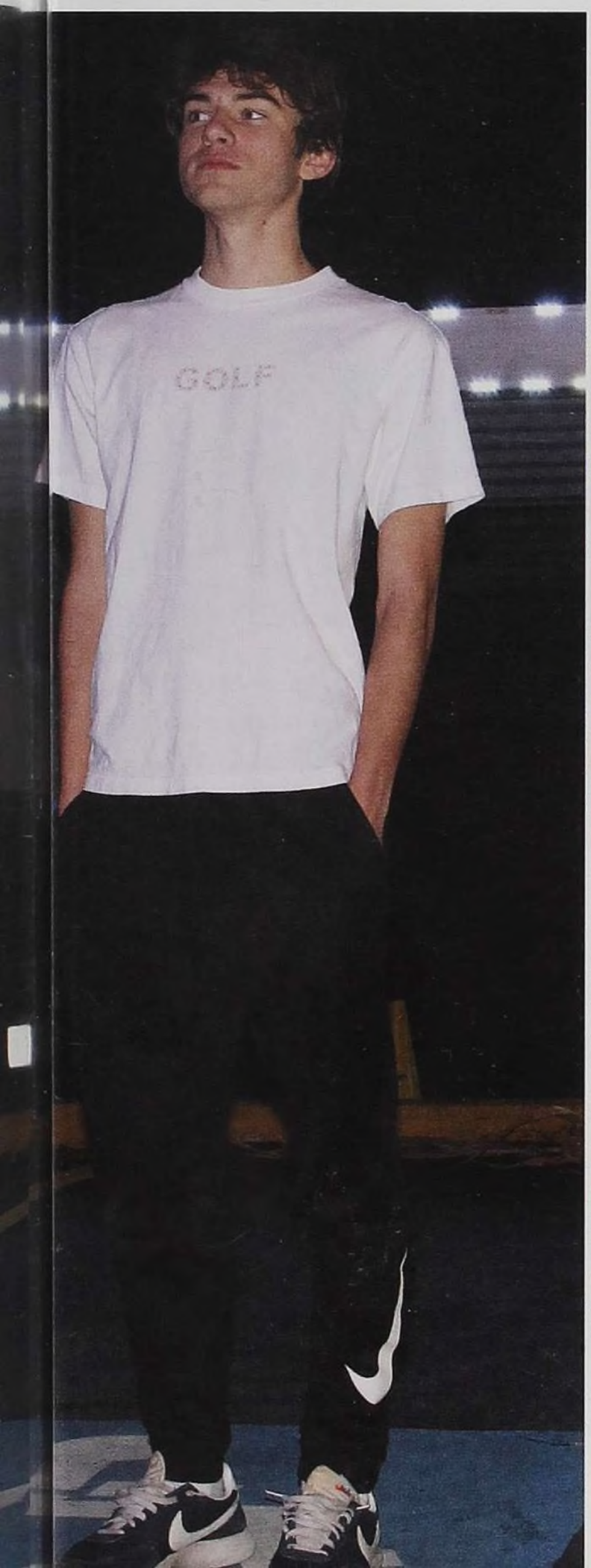
"Spacing out everywhere at any time."
Allie Platis, 10

"I'll tap on the desk when I get bored."
Hector Gomez, 11

"Slouching."
Gabriel Hoekstra, 11

"Not sleeping on school nights."
Gianluca Scalzo, 10

"Being hard on myself when I shouldn't be ."
Ava Lukacsek, 11



I ain't got time! Wearing his first piece of GOLF merch, Adam Klaich, senior, stands at the Blue Top restaurant in Highland. He liked Golf Wang because it was different from other brands like Nike or Adidas. "I remember I woke up on Saturday morning and went on the website and they dropped and I clicked them super fast" Adam said. **See you again** Standing side by side, Aidan Smith and Adam Klaich, seniors, wear GOLF merch. They both have gone to concerts together. "I usually wouldn't spent $80 on a sweatshirt but I've been a good kid and I thought I deserved it so I bought it," said Adam. **I think** Aidan Smith, senior, holds up a pair of blue suede Golfwang shoes. He liked the brand because it symbolizes expression and is something he feels comfortable in. "My favorite piece is my blue low tops," said Aidan.
Photos by Riley Ramirez

A tale of two creators

Two seniors admire Tyler the Creator

Story by Riley Ramirez

To some, Tyler the Creator is just an artist. But to others, he is a creative powerhouse. Tyler the Creator is a pop culture influencer that has an unique brand. The brand, which is called Golfwang, often shortened to GOLF, has influenced thousands of people worldwide.

"One day, I just looked on (Golfwang's) website and was like, 'Oh, these are cool.' Then I started getting more into it," Aidan Smith, senior, said. "He (Tyler the Creator) was my gateway into fashion because I used to hate fashion, and now I actually really like it."

GOLF has made a difference to today's style and to different individuals who redefined themselves.

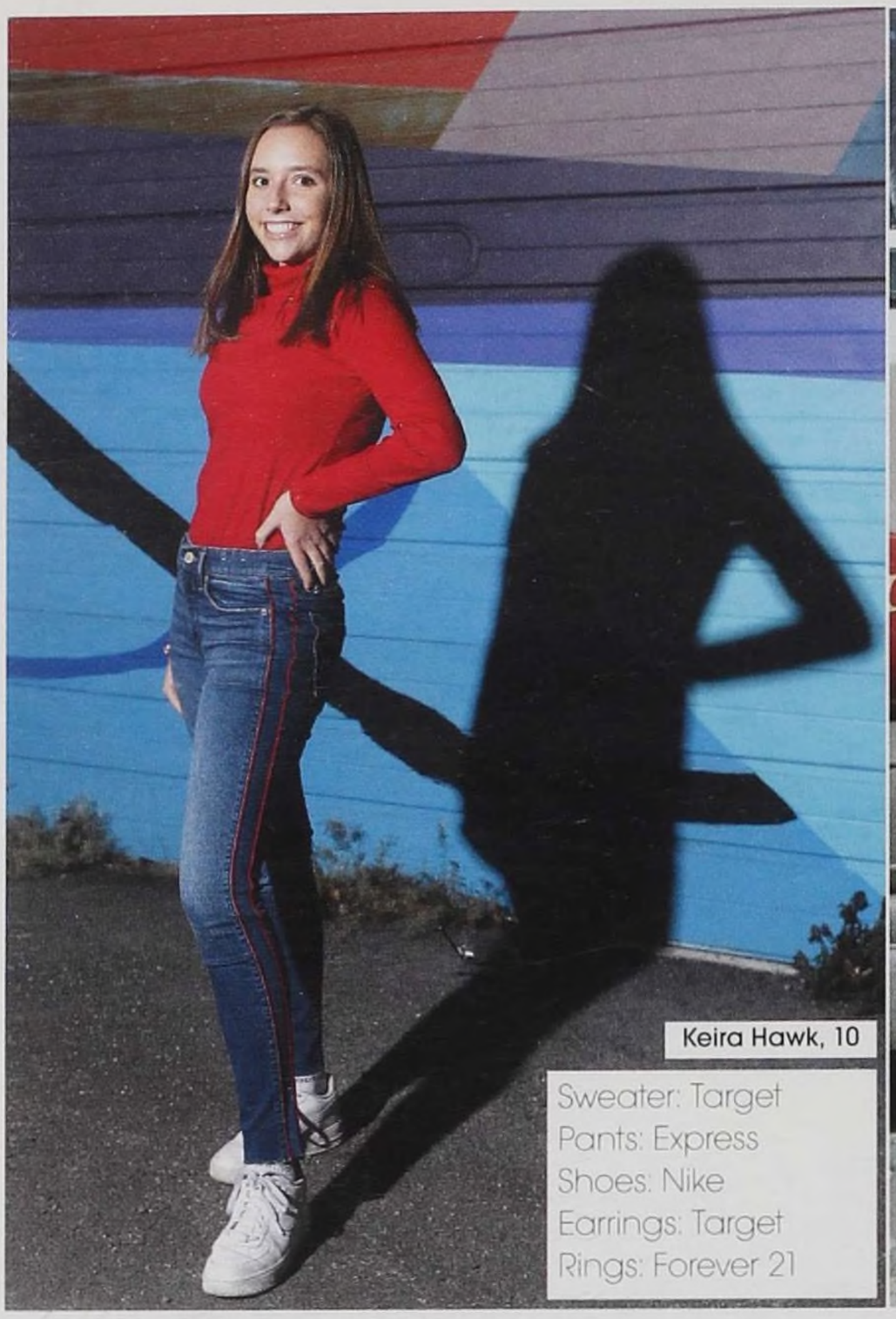
"We like Tyler because he is really different than what everybody else is making" Adam Klaich, senior, said. "He encourages you to be yourself and to think out of the box."

Tyler and GOLF were not always a household name. He worked his way to the top with outlets like Vine, music, and graphic design, eventually becoming one of the most famous members of the pop industry.

"What made me wear GOLF was in 2015 when Tyler the Creator dropped his album 'Cherry Bomb.' That's when he was releasing cool things that I was interested in, Adam said. "I thought they were creative compared to the Nike and Adidas shirts I used to wear and have been buying ever since."

The clothing means more than meets the eye to many people. To Aidan, Adam and many fans throughout the world, the brand is more than fabric and stitching.

"(Tyler's) clothing symbolizes expression. It is something I fit in and feel comfortable in," Aidan said.



Keira Hawk, 10

Sweater: Target
Pants: Express
Shoes: Nike
Earrings: Target
Rings: Forever 21

Lauralyn Courtney, 9

Shirt: Forever 21
Shoes: Customized Vans
Cardigan: Thrifted
Pants: PacSun

Evan Gill, 10

Necklace: The GLD shop
Shoes: Gucci
Jacket: Gucci
Belt: Gucci

Dress to impress

Paris Marshall discusses her fashion evolution

Story by Mia Terek
Photos by Chloe Lambert and Todd McKechnie

Clothing and accessories: for some it's a way to express oneself, and for others it's just another thing to worry about. No matter what your outlook on fashion is, the way you dress defines you in one way or another. Over the years, for Paris Marshall, sophomore, her style has evolved.

"My outfits used to consist only of leggings or jeans, with T-shirt and/or sweatshirt," Paris said. "Now, I usually wear a pair of mom or boyfriend jeans with a cute graphic tee."

Inspiration can be a big factor in one's style and can come from many different outlets. For Paris, inspiration she had discovered online had helped her to figure out her true aesthetic.

"I go onto Instagram and look at my favorite fashion pages for inspiration," Paris said. "Some of the (Instagram) pages include r.a_f.a_e.l_a, celestialyouth, seasonsofella, gorillaagirl, deaddsouls and way more."

There are plenty of ways and outlets to find one's unique style.

"For those who are trying to figure out what their style is, my tip is to look for your favorite style icon(s) as well as someone whose outfits and styles are to die for," Paris said. "After that, find the common looks or themes that icon uses. Try to experiment with different colors and pieces you like."

Customized Vans:
Lauralyn Courtney, 9

"Something to think of is to not listen to many negative people during this process. It's your body, your clothes, and your evolution."

Accessorize your world

Students express themselves through accessories and body modifications

Earrings:
Kimani Kemp, 12

Apple Watch:
Gabby Herrera, 11

Dyed Hair:
Gina Lesniak, 9

Birkenstocks:
Hailey Sullivan, 11

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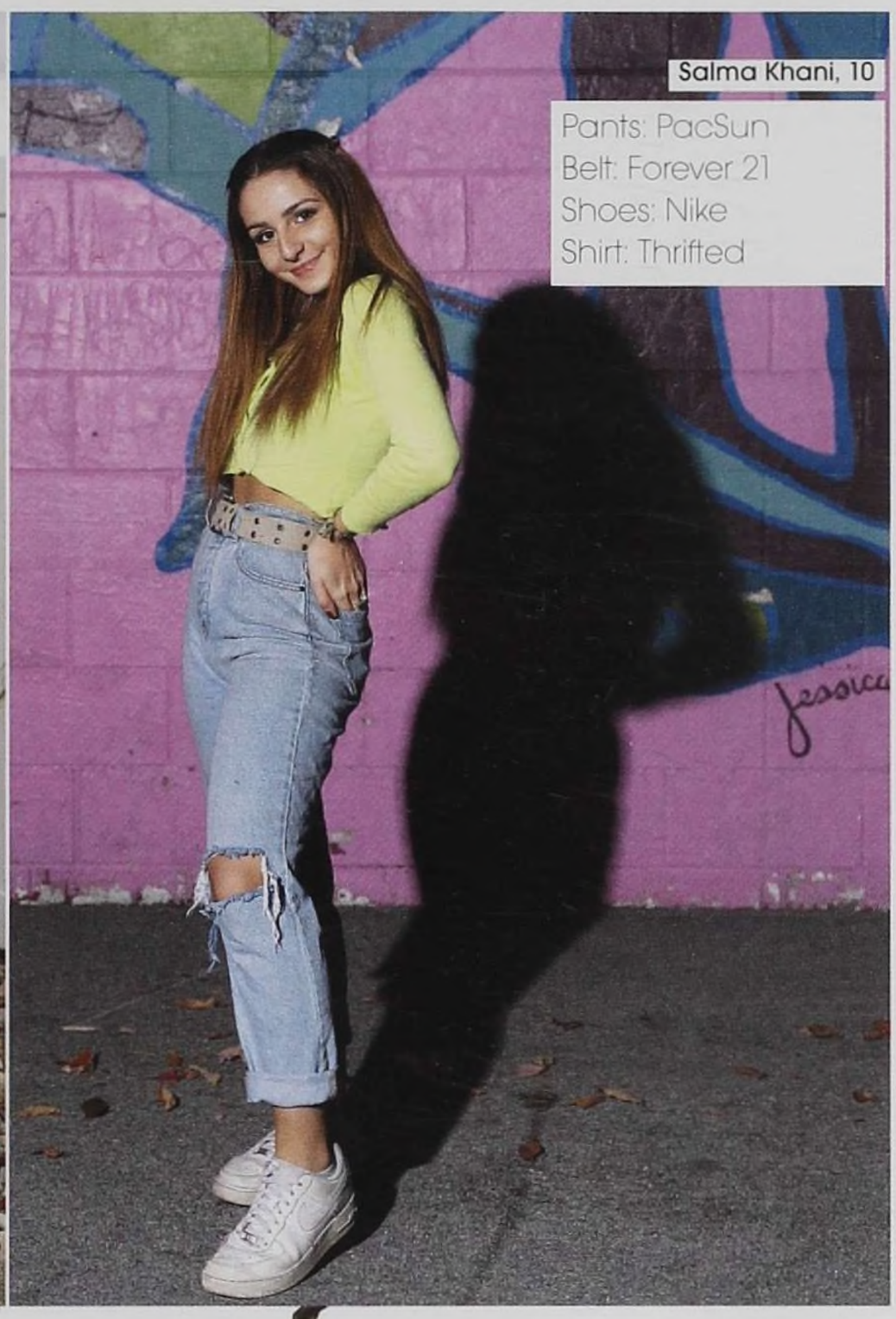
Tyler Harvey, 9

Drawings:
Charlie Hofferth, 12

Barrette:
Alexis Berumen, 11



Salma Khani, 10

Pants: PacSun
Belt: Forever 21
Shoes: Nike
Shirt: Thrifted

How do you describe your style?

"I don't really have a style, I just wear whatever."
Morgan Docter, 9

"Gothic."
Bailey Goodman, 9

"Aesthetic mixed with comfortable."
Zion Asgedom, 10

"Simple."
Filip Timko, 10

"Soft grunge but basically just copying whatever I think is cute on the internet."
Ava Lukacsek, 11

"Street wear with a mix of astrology and lots of crosses."
Karyn Beiruti, 11

"Unique."
Surajpal Singh, 11

"Lazy, but sometimes I like to spice it up."
Tyra Wheaton, 9

"Vintage, because I like to wear my dads old clothes."
Olivia Candelaria, 11

Necklace:
Evan Gill, 10

Scrunchie:
Paris Marshall, 10

Comfort zone

Students discuss their love of athleisure

"I like wearing comfy clothes because then I can sleep later."

Samantha Sellers, junior

Pants: Nike
Shoes: Crocs
Shirt: Hoosier Gym

"I like wearing sweatpants because they're comfortable. I wear them everyday."

Charlie Mason, sophomore

Pants: Adidas
Shoes: Nike
Shirt: Nike

Barrette:
Parkyr Guiton, 11

Nails:
Ava Sopcic, 12

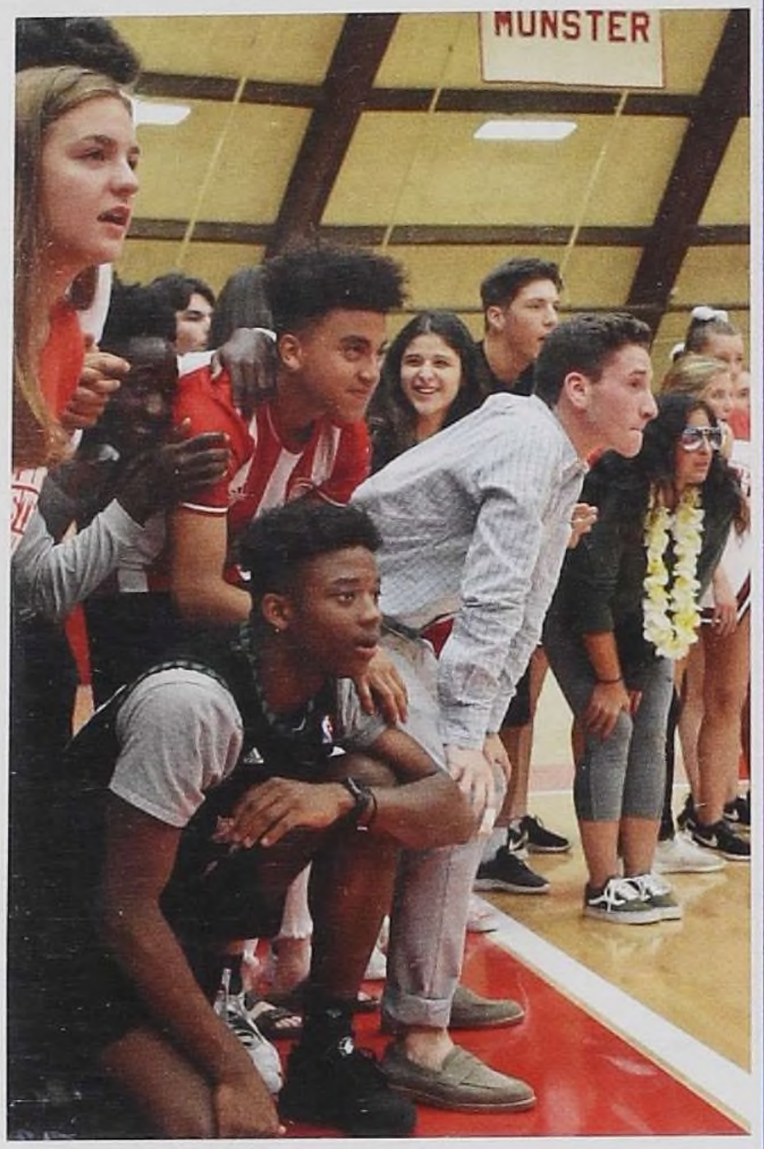
Tattoos:
Sara Zabrecky, 12

Adidas shoes:
Noel Fary, 12

AirPods:
James Ferguson, 9

Bracelets:
Damien Unzueta, 10

Earrings:
Roman Garcia, 12



Suspense
Standing with his friends at the pep rally, Ethan Orange, Jeremiah Lovett, Kathryn Hemingway, and Joey Marcus, junors, focus on the musical chair game. "I was really curious on who was going to win," Ethan said. "I really wanted someone in my class to win." **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

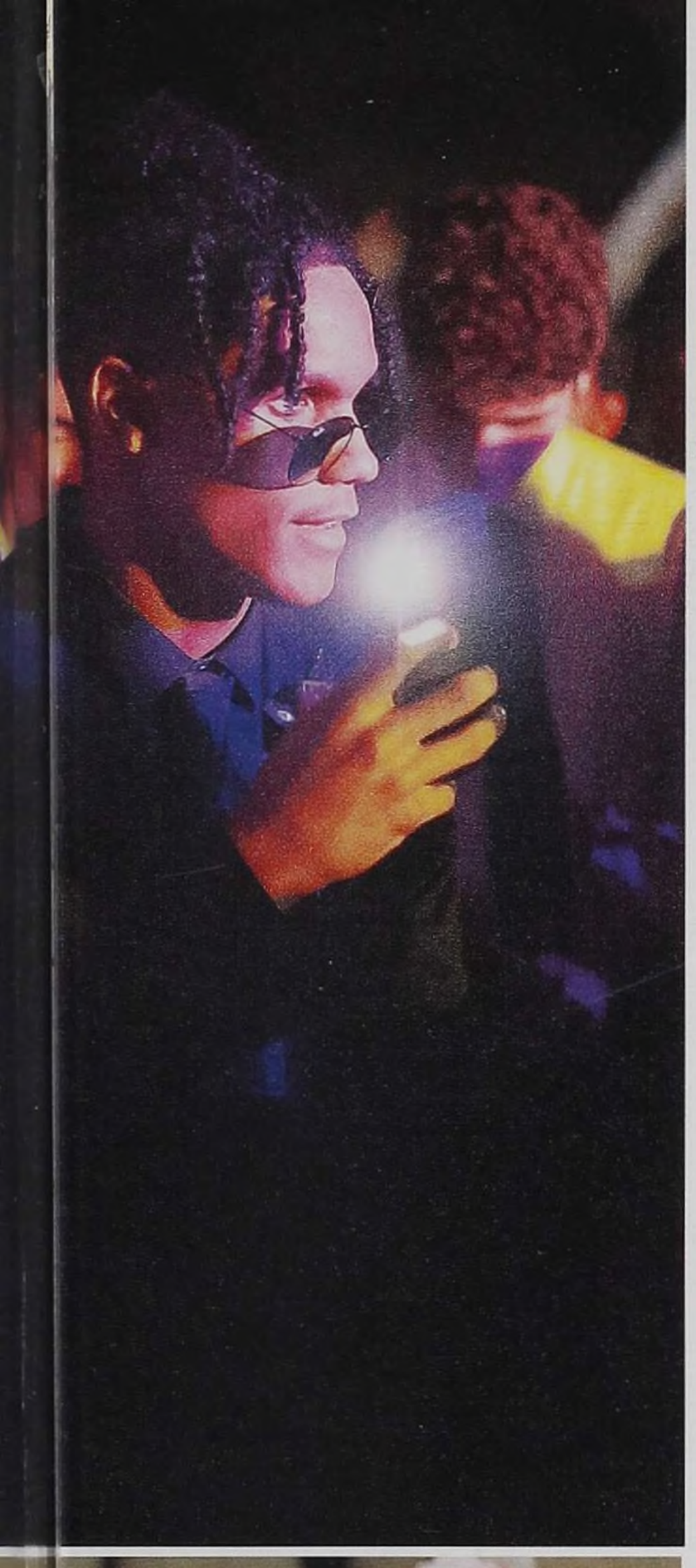
Hyped up
Cheering with the girls on her Powderpuff team, Adalyn Klawitter, junior, Ashley Nita, junior, and Holly Kiam, junior, finishes their team huttle for their next play. The final score was 30-18, with the juniors taking the win. "We were mostly excited and having a good time," Klawitter said. Photo by Robert Young

Party time

Nova Dillon, sophomore, and Prisilla Ortiz, junior, share their routine for the dance

Prisilla	Nova
	12:00 p.m. finish practice
12:15 p.m. return home from band practice	**12:15 p.m.** return home and shower
1:30 p.m. take a shower	
3:00 p.m. get make-up done by sister	
4:00 p.m. get hair done by Mom	**5:20 p.m.** be dressed with styled hair
	5:40 p.m. leave to pick up a friend
6:00 p.m. meet for pictures	**6:00 p.m.** meet for pictures
6:40 p.m. head to dance	**6:40 p.m.** head to dance

Pretty posing
With bright smiles, Nova Dillon, sophomore, and Prisilla Ortiz, junior, pose as they get their photo taken before the dance. The couple went to Centennial Park to take pictures with friends. **Photo submitted by Prisilla Ortiz**



dancing in the limelight

Seniors discuss their last Homecoming

Story by Marley Anderson

During Homecoming week, the seniors tend to stand out. With their colorful 80s workout costumes and their crazy costumes, they try to make their last Homecoming count as their high school experience comes to an end.

For seniors, spirit outfits differ from the other grades' Homecoming outfits. Many of them have been waiting excitedly since their freshman year to participate.

"As a freshman, you look forward to the moment when you can experience the senior Homecoming week. And when it's finally here, you don't want it to end," Daija Williams, senior, said. "I will probably remember that week for the rest of my life."

Choosing your spirit wear for each day is key to experience all the fun and laughs.

"I went all out on the themes because it was my last Homecoming," Holden Raffin, senior, said. "I'm not sad it was my last Homecoming because I think I made it the best I possibly could and that's just kind of how I've been approaching senior year."

Seniors try and make their last Homecoming their most memorable.

"(I made it more memorable) by spending it with my closest friends and getting out of my comfort zone," Daija said.

Despite the loss at the homecoming game, students still had a blast in the student section while dressed in their Hawaiian gear for the theme.

"We tried to entertain ourselves in other ways, but we still supported the team because we know it can be hard to do all of that," Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, senior, said.

As the week wrapped up, the seniors said goodbye to that high school-feeling.

"It's kind of a shock to me, but I'm kind of accepting it," Peter Gallagher, senior, said. "Instead of only hanging out with my friend group, I made sure to branch out and say hi."

All night long
Spending his time on the dance floor, Daniel Kruse, senior, Tyler Reyna, junior, and Keith Kaszycki, junior, starts a mosh pit at the Homecoming dance on Saturday night. "I thought it was pretty fun," Kruse said. "I think everyone was enjoying themselves."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Lunch discussion Sitting at her lunch table, Serena Alvarez, senior, chats with her friend Diana Ayala, senior. Serena recreated a scene from Stranger Things 3. Diana wears a wedding dress. "I was very happy that pretty much the entire grade participated," Serena said.
Photo by Lana Salahieh

Haul in During the pep rally, Will Melby, senior, participated in a game of tug-of-war with his classmates. The seniors played against the sophomores and took the win. "It was good to see the school having a good time," Will said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Game night Standing on the sidelines of the field, Michael Dywan, senior, focuses on his teammates. Munster lost 0-16 against East Chicago Central. "Many emotions typically go through my mind during a game," Dywan said. "But I'm cheerful for my teammates." Photo by Lucy Torres

Crown of glory

Hazel Wolf, senior, is crowned Homecoming Queen

seniors of the
Homecoming Court

Amanda Beaudouin
Ariel Velasco
Clara Terry
Faith Blair
Hazel Wolf
Payton Poulston
Annie Foreit

In the spotlight
Finding a camera to look at, Hazel Wolf, senior, enjoys her special moment. She was crowned Homecoming Queen at the football game. "I think I kind of blacked out when they called my name," Hazel said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

The foundations of change

New club is founded to make real change

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

Social issues like poverty or discrimination have persisted in our world recently. However, there has also been an uprising of student activism, the act of spreading awareness and fundraising to cause social change. Students like this can be found at MHS in the recently-created UNICEF Youth Club, a donator to UNICEF.

"UNICEF focused mainly on children and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals which include fighting global poverty, global hunger and a lack of education around the world," Cynthia Chockalingam, junior, said.

Seeing struggles in India inspired Cynthia to establish and become the president of the UNICEF Youth Club. Cynthia reached out to Ms. Bhavani Venkataramanan, who agreed to sponsor the school-sanctioned club.

"Because UNICEF and the United Nations are not authorized to take civilian funds, what they need to do is work through organizations like UNICEF USA. So UNICEF USA started UNICEF Clubs, which is where Munster is registered," Cynthia said. "Being a UNICEF Club allowed us to provide funds that would go to UNICEF USA and then to UNICEF to help kids around the world."

One aspect of the club was that it brought activism into the lives of students while keeping things fun, as evident with events like their Guess the Number in the Jar fundraiser, where students donated money to guess the amount of candy in a jar. The student with the closest guess would win the jar.

"So what we did was find different ways to fundraise where we made kids interested. Whether it was a board game night, movie night, dinner, or a different event like that, it made kids interested in wanting to help," Cynthia said. "A lot of the time, we ignore what is happening around the world, but this gave us our own interests while helping us to make an impact."

After its first meeting in January, the club brought together over seventy students by the end of the month. By joining the club, students became activists in their everyday lives. Members like Club Vice President Brink Wolak, junior, agreed.

"There's the saying 'strength in numbers,' and that's what these clubs have allowed us to do," Brink said. "They have allowed us to get some like-minded people together with some momentum so that we can make some meaningful change."

Leading lady
In her home, Cynthia Chockalingam, junior, conducts an officer meeting for UNICEF Youth Club. "I was happy that everyone was involved with coming up with more ideas," Cynthia said. "It was nice to have the input." **Photo by Demetrios Fotopoulos**

Talk about it
At lunch, Maguire Butler and Ilija Manojlovic, seniors, chat. The pair often talked about important issues. "I feel like peer and societal pressures are the biggest social problems that we have today," Ilija said. **Photo by Demetrios Fotopoulos**

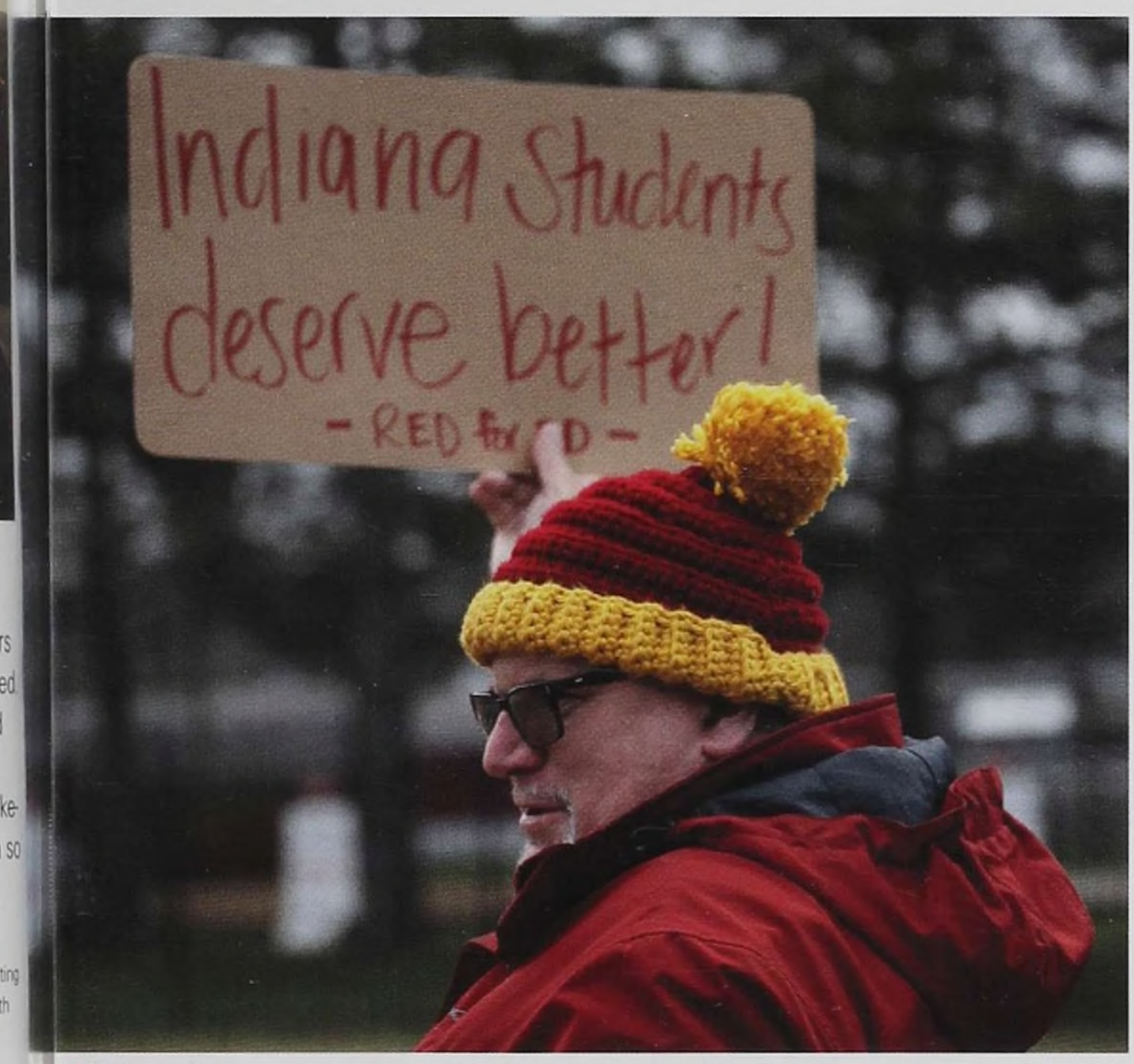
Any thoughts?

Students bring attention to social issues

"I think cultural differences and discriminating is important. People shouldn't look down on other people."
Paige Sideris, 9

"I'd say a big social issue is the divide in the parties present, as it makes it hard for the United States to unify and function."
Joshua Patel, 10

"People not accepting femininity and masculinity is a problem. If people were more accepting, then there would be less issues like sexism."
Casey Wallace, 12



If you want it, walk for it

Teachers and students join together in protest to new legislation

On Nov. 19, teachers throughout the state of Indiana gathered at the Indianapolis state house for the "Red for Ed Action Day." At the event, people rallied for more investment in teacher compensation, turning ILEARN (a new standardized test) into a nonessential test for students, as well as the repeal of the Professional Growth Points/Externship requirements.

However, many teachers were unable to attend downstate at the state's capital. As such, the Munster's Teachers Association, or MTA, opted to have a walk-in on the morning of Nov. 19.

That moring, many staffers and some students gathered together outside the main entrance on Columbia Avenue, wearing red and showing their support for their cause.

Before 7:25 a.m. on that Tuesday, these activists entered through the main entrance together as one red force for change.

Since the walk-in, however, Indiana teachers are still required to follow the Growth Points/Externship requirements and ILEARN is still in effect.

It's a sign

Outside the school during the teacher walk-in Mr. Kevin Clyne, English teacher, stands in support. "We tried to get people to honk in support of more pay for teachers," Mr. Clyne said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Ms. Lisa Wilson

Main Office Secretary

"The main office is fresher. It's more modern, and when you have a happier environment, it's even better to come to work in. It looks better, so you feel better."

Ms. Lisa Wilson, office secretary

Safety first

Opinions on the main office updates

For the first time since the 1998 renovation, administration updated the Main Office. Workers updated the office's design and safety, redirecting the flow so that visitors had to enter through the office, where they checked in with the office secretary. Attendance also moved. A new lock system was implemented to keep any unwanted guests out of the building. As such, students were better protected from the outside world.

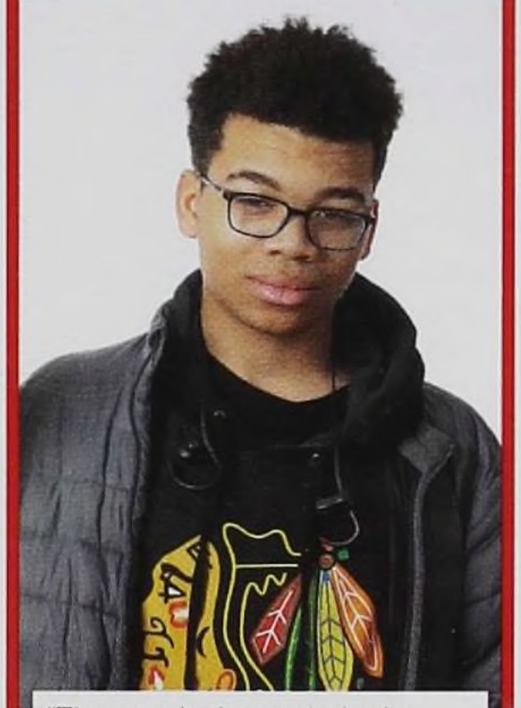
Office life

Throughout the day, people like Julia Smith, freshman, Carmani Shedrich, junior, Ms. Lisa Wilson, Main Office secretary, and Kailyn Oganovich, junior, experience the changes.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Carmani Shedrich

Student



"The new lock system in the main office is kind of confusing but I think all safety precautions are necessary in some capacity."

Carmani Shedrich, junior

Kailyn Oganovich

Student

"This year, it was more convenient to do attendance because you could just walk right into the main office. As soon as I walked in, Ms. Novotney was there."

Kailyn Oganovich, junior

Balance your world

students talk about balancing school and working

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Having a job and being in school puts on tons of stress on high school students.

"The hardest part about having a job and in school would be managing your time." Mikala Bryant, senior, said. Bryant works at Dairy Queen. Being in extracurriculars when working was a big challenge. Throughout our school there were a number of students who worked that were in extracurriculars.

"There is so much to do in so little time," Isabel Rodriguez, junior, said. "I balanced everything because it was good for colleges to see what you've done throughout your high school years. They like to see you balancing all of these things and still making good grades". Rodriguez worked at Chipotle. She was a cashier and she also made customers food. Most students work because they want to make their own money and also to take on a new challenge. Also, to save money for something that they are going to buy or need. "The way that I would handle work and school together would be by planning and listing my priorities." Santino Presutti, junior, said.

Stocked up

At Jewel-Osco, Santino Presutti, junior, was a grocery clerk. Santino made sure the store looked presentable. "The hardest part of working and being in high school was balancing studying, doing homework and fitting that into my work schedule." Santino said.

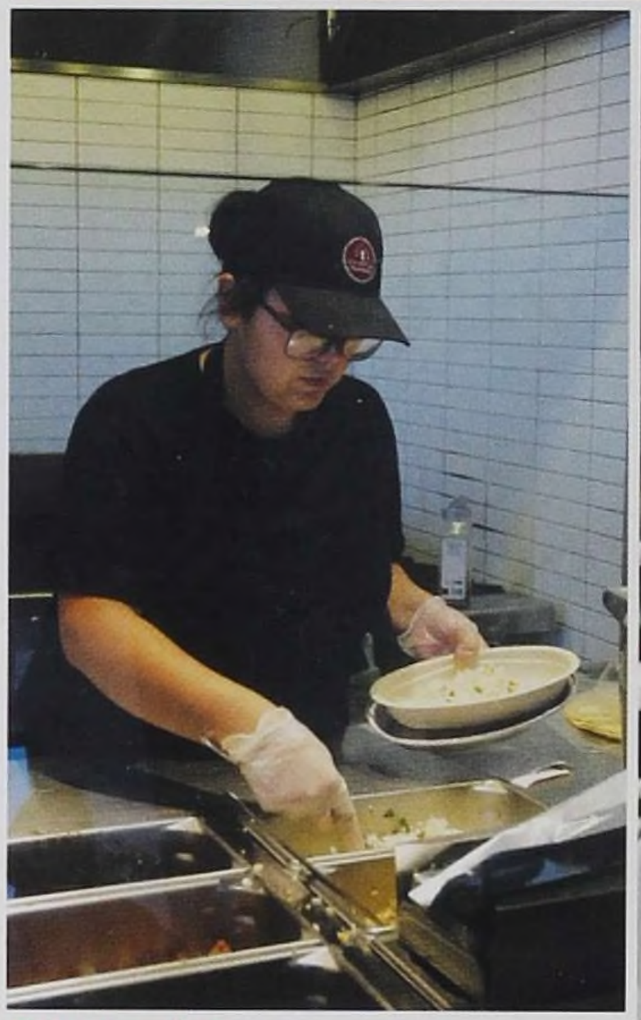
Photo by Zahrya Grimes

In the bag At Jewel-Osco, Santino Presutti, junior, bags groceries for a customer. "My favorite part of working was my coworkers," Santino said. "The way I handled work and school was by planning and listing my priorities."

Photo by Zahrya Grimes

Cash out At Jewel-Osco, David Mueller, senior, trains to become a cashier. Getting promoted from bagger to cashier was a very nice moment for David. "Working at a young age helps prepare you for the future." David said.

Photo by Zahrya Grimes



Guac is extra

At Chipotle, Isabel Rodriguez, junior, makes food for customers. Rodriguez made sure her customers were happy and that the food was good. "The people I worked with were very nice, and yes it could be stressful but I did like my job," Isabel said.

Photo by Vanessa Situ

Runnin' on Dunkin'

Making a caramel iced coffee, Safoora Shad, senior, reaches for caramel flavor swirl. Safoora worked at Dunkin' for one year. "I worked with a lot of fun people," Shad said. "It was an easy job with no drama."

Photo by Chloe Lambert

What is your dream job?

"Electrical engineer."
Joshua Burgos-Diaz, 11

"Interventional cardiologist"
Claire Powell, 12

"Botanist"
Ameer Igue, 11

"Story artist for Pixar"
Gillian Archer, 12

"I want to own my own business"
Varrick Allen, 10

On the hour

Test your knowledge on Indiana teen working laws

1. How many hours can a 16 year old work per school week?

a) 40 hours
b) None, it's illegal
c) 35 hours
d) 20 hours

2. If a worker is under the age of 18 and working over 6 hours, how long must their break be?

a) 1 hour
b) 15 minutes
c) 30 minutes
d) 20 minutes

Answer Key: 1) a 2) c

Teaching redefined

Teachers talk about balancing school and other responsibilities

Ultimate challenges
Taking on another challenge, Mr. Steven Stepnoski, English teacher, takes on being an Ultimate Frisbee sponsor. "I never really found my place in a extracurricular or a sport," Mr. Stepnoski said. "But what I did find was ultimate frisbee and I have some good memories playing in high school." **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

Freshmen Coach

Matthew Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, talks about balancing being head coach and teaching

Friday Step by Step from Mr. Kalwasinski

Step 1: Come to school around 7 a.m.
Step 2: Teach for most of the day
Step 3: Practice after school
Step 4: Eat dinner quickly
Step 5: See wife and son
Step 6: Go to football game and do the statistics
Step 7: Go home, compile the stats and send them in

Helping get better Balancing being a teacher and a freshman football coach, Mr. Mathew Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, loves what he does. He has been able to help boys get better in football and transition to varsity. "I liked being involved with it," Mr. Kalwasinksi. "I liked taking a kid who's never played football before and working with the kids to help that transition." **Photo by Robert Young**

Ultimate Frisbee

Mr. Steven Stepnoski, English teacher, talks about balancing being a sponsor, in grad school at PNW and teaching

Day Step by Step from Mr. Stepnoski

Step 1: Get to school around 6:30 am. Start reviewing plans and planning for upcoming lessons
Step 2: Some days meet with the ultimate frisbee club after teaching for a six period day (they meet out in the back lot and they play frisbee for about an hour and 15 minutes).
Step 3: Get ready and head to Purdue Northwest Hammond campus
Step 4: Go to class from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Movie magic

Delaney Gonzalez discusses working at AMC

Delaney Gonzalez, junior, worked at AMC 16 and she said she loved it. "Work made me feel happy. Its actually a stress reliever for me," Delaney said. "The people I work with made me smile and enjoy the time at work".

Being at work while being in school could be very irritating and stressful.

"The hardest part of working was trying to deal with the customers after a long stressful day at school," Delaney said.

Making people happy
Working at AMC 16, Delaney Gonzalez, junior, gets orders from customers. Delaney made sure customers got their orders in before they went to watch their movie. "Work made me happy and working with the customers and coworkers just brought a joy into that," Delaney said. **Photo by Zachary Tucker**

Together for the holidays

A freshman and a sophomore discuss their traditions

Story by Summer Gill

The holidays are something to look forward to, something to cherish and enjoy.

However, they are something we all celebrate differently, depending on our family and our culture.

Megan Samuels, sophomore, celebrates Christmas as a celebration of the birth of the Christ, with traditional celebrations.

"The best thing is when my family comes together to bring joy to everyone around during that time," Megan said. "My favorite tradition would have to be putting the star on the top of the Christmas tree. I used to do it when I was younger, but now I let my younger cousin put the star up on top of the Christmas tree."

Differing from Megan is Naomi Fefferman, freshman. Instead of celebrating Christmas, she and her family celebrate the Jewish holiday Hanukkah.

"Hanukkah is the Jewish festival celebrating the Jewish victory over the Roman Empire. It is also one my favorite holidays to celebrate," Naomi said."The cookies are my favorite tradition. The cookies are super tasty and they remind me of my culture."

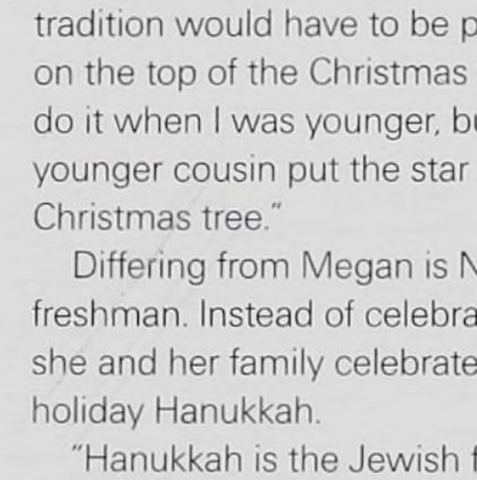
Even though both girls do not celebrate the same holidays, they do spend it the same way with family and friends.

"We celebrate by lighting a special candle holder called a Menorah," Naomi said. "We go to my temple and for the first of the eight nights with my family and friends that are also Jewish. Me and my sisters celebrate the remaining seven nights at our home with our family. I have a special connection to this holiday because, without it, there would be no Jewish race at all."

Megan spends her holidays with her family as well.

"I usually celebrate Christmas with all of my cousins on my dad's side and about two or three on my mom's," she said. "Even though we argue sometimes, the holiday spirit soon kicks in and we feel a lot better. The holidays normally take place at my house or my aunt's house. The holidays are really just a great time to spend the days with family and enjoy one another a little bit more."

Reading for charity While reading, Kayley Moore, Kamila Navarro, and Brooke Vivian, freshmen handed out pamphlets. Project X held a holiday party and gave gifts out to children. Camilla said, "I love Project X because it helps me volunteer and help little kids." **Photo by Lucy Torres**



Michelle's cookies Michelle Blanford, sophomore, has many hobbies but her favorite hobby is baking. "Every Christmas me, my sister, and my mom all get together and make holidays cookies and listen to holiday music." Michelle said. **Provided by Michelle Blanford**

Baking with family

Michelle Blanford shares her cookie recipe and story

Ingredients

1.5 cup flour
1 tea. ground cinnamon
1 tea. baking soda
1 tea. salt
1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1.5 tea. granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 tea. molasses
3 cups oats
1¾ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Instructions

1.Mix the dry ingredients together.
2. Whisk the wet ingredients together.
3. Combine the wet and the dry together.
4. Add oats and chocolate chips.
5. Chill the cookie dough.
6. Scoop the cookie dough balls.
7. Bake at 350°F for 8 to 12 minutes.
8. Let cool.

Festive feelings While in BC Calculus, April Roberts, senior, laughs along with her friends during the finals spirit week. During the students dressed in costumes such as the ugly holiday sweater day. "I love dressing up for spirit day it brings joy to finals week," April said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert** **Ice Ice Baby** While she scraps off snow, Ava Sopcic, senior, got ready to drive in the snow. Like many other students. Ava was often hesitant to drive in the snow. "I hate driving in the snow especially when it's icy because of how slippery it is," Ava said **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Gifts unwrappin'

During finals week, Crier held their Secret Santa treasure hunt. Lilia Brunetti and Adam Klaich, seniors celebrated the holidays by giving fun gifts to their peers. "I was absolutely ecstatic," Lilia said. "I thought it was one of the coolest gifts ever." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

What's your favorite gift and why?

"I would say the makeup because it gave me a different view of art."

Zoe Burnett, 12

"I would say lululemon leggings, because I love leggings and basically wear them everyday."

Kayla Gruber, 12

"I would say a keyboard piano, because I have been wanting to teach myself how to play a song since I was a kid."

Marissa Slivka, 10

"Tickets to a concert, I got tickets to my favorite band BTS and it made my entire life."

Madeline Sajn, 10

"Ten boxes of Cap'n Crunch, Because it is my favorite cereal and I eat it everyday."

Gage Hoekstra, 10

Snowy surprise

Surprised, Kerra Sepanski, sophomore, Looks on at the newly snowy landscape. Kerra voiced her distaste for the winter weather. "I don't like snow. It looks pretty, but it's just messy," she said. **Photo by Angela Ortega**

Raising money, raising spirit

Parker Olsen discusses his experience with the Craft Fair

The Munster Holiday Craft Fair brings out the community to enjoy arts and crafts, but it also brings out the band.

"At the Craft Fair the band runs a couple of concession stands around the school," Parker Olsen, sophomore, said. "We do this in order to raise money for the next marching season because we do not get a whole lot of money from the school."

However, this is not the band only fundraisers that band has during the school year.

"We do various fund-raisers over the course of the year and the craft fair is just one of them. We also set up a system at the craft fair where vendors can order food from a menu and we can deliver it to their stands," Parker said.

Banding together

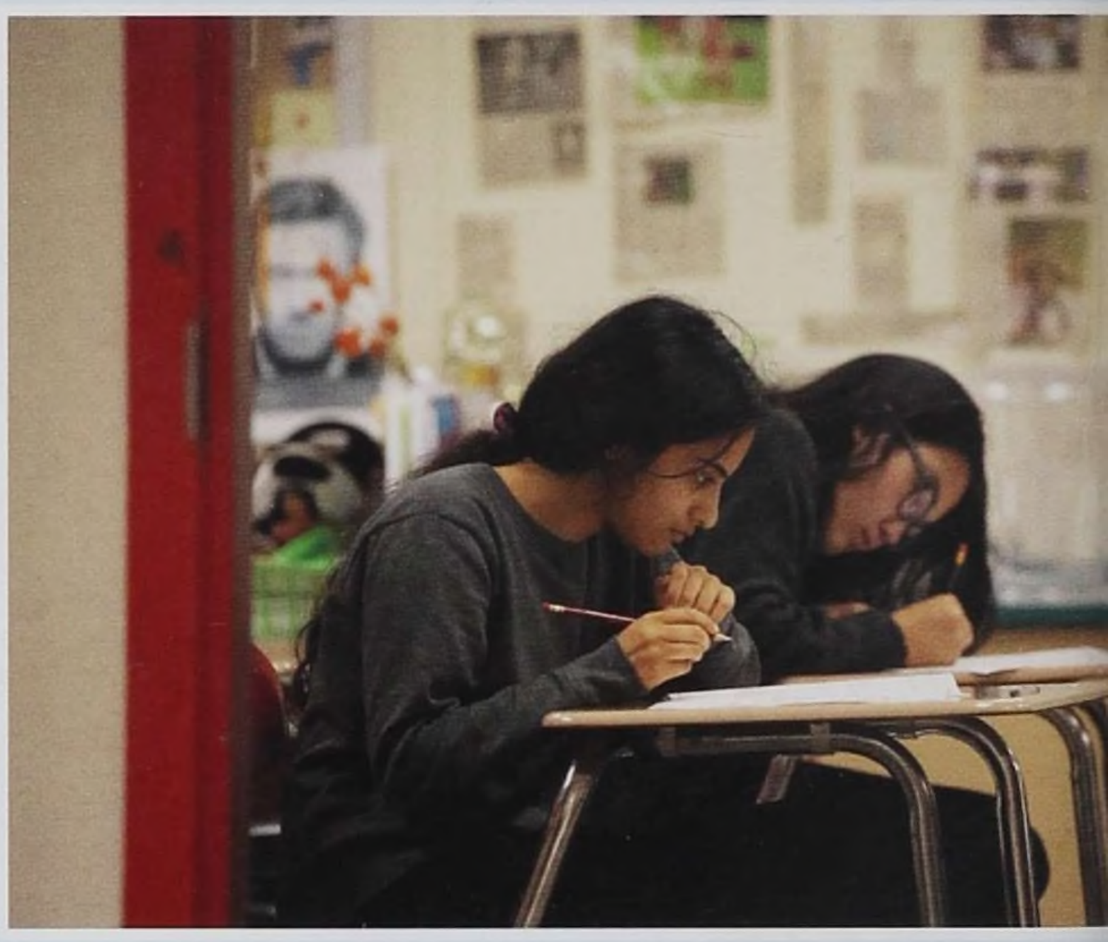
On a chilly Saturday morning, Khusi Jhaveri and Parker Olsen, sophomores, made hot dogs at the arts and crafts fair. The fair concession stand was an important fundrasier which helped pay for their trip to state. "I love helping my band especially when I'm having fun while doing it," Khusi said. **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

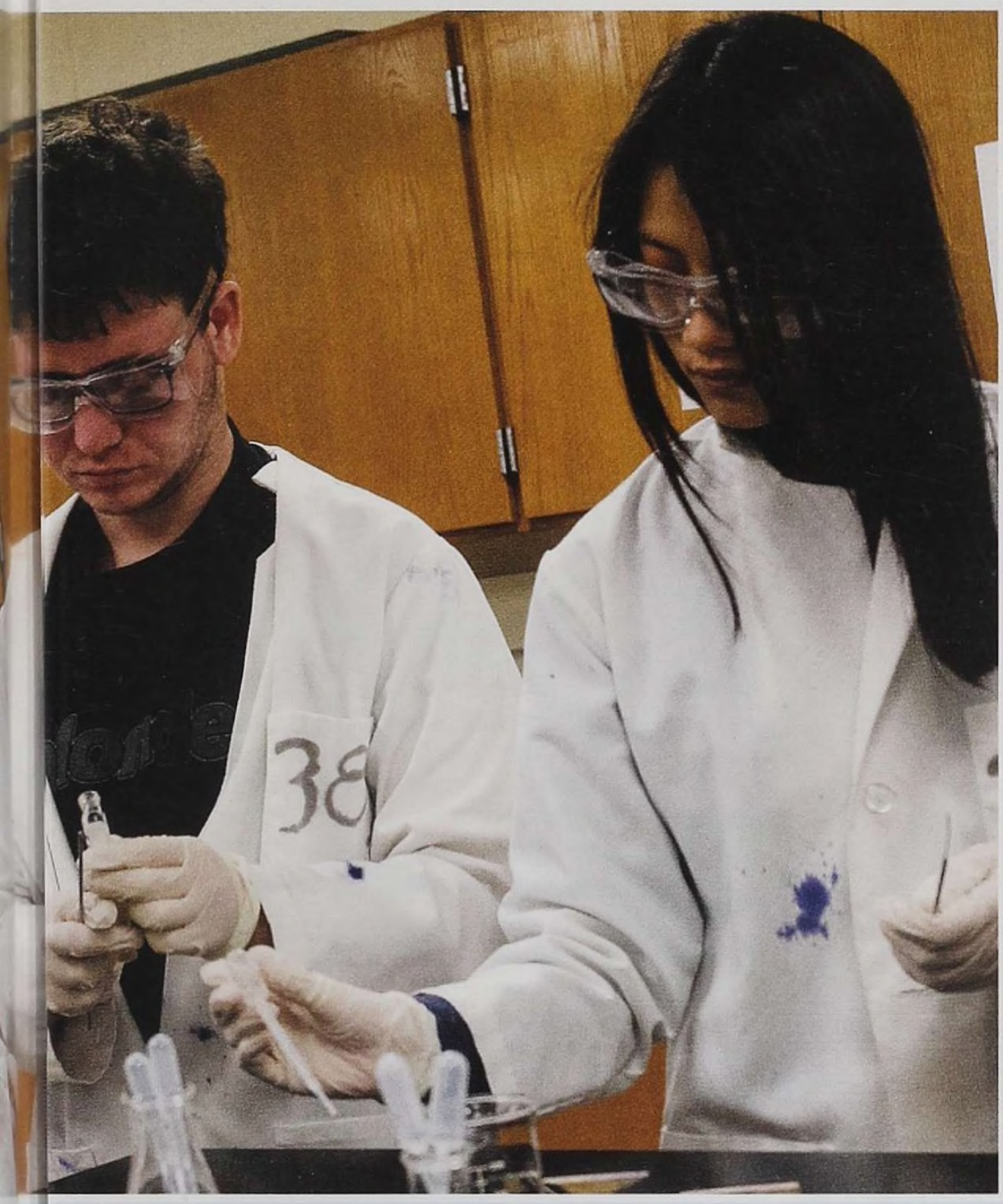
"In Painting 3, I'm able to have a more individualized course for creating my portfolio."
Katie Hemingway, 11

Painting away Concentrating on her canvas, Katie Hemingway, junior, paints on the finishing touches to her project. She used Indian Ink to give depth to the sides of her canvas. **Photo by Genevieve Mrvan**

Busy bacteria Holding a test tube, Max Buka, senior, works in a group experiment with Faith Blair, Kyle Kaufman, seniors, and Nhi Nguyen, sophomore. He took a sample of bacteria from the test tube to examine under the microscope. "It's intriguing to see the organisms under the microscope," Max said. "It shows you a new perspective of certain things in life." **Photo by Olivia Balbo**

Study time Studying for her SAT, Shivani Collur, junior, completes assigned practice problems during a PSAT prep class after school. The practice helped her review to do better. "I felt pretty good about it and felt the practice I did really helped," Shivani said. "I was able to review some old material I hadn't done in a while." **Photo by Robert Young**





Dozing off
Taking advantage of some free time in class, Parker Olsen, sophomore, rests his head. "I don't usually get stressed," Parker said. "When I do get stressed, I usually talk to my parents about it." **Photo by Cali Petersen**

Academics:

Art rooms, science labs and study groups

High school can be overwhelming. Whether you're requesting a visit with your counselor for college info or getting to school early to study for your midterm, reading LitCharts the hour before a book exam or staying up past midnight to finish all of your homework, high school is still so much work. But when the going gets tough, the tough get going and realize that in the end, this work isn't for anyone but themselves. It is there so that you can grow up to take your world and redefine it.

ACADEMIC & LIFE GOALS
REDEFINE IT

With classes ranging from Ethnic Studies to Principles of Engineering along with opportunities like internships at Community Hospital and working as a cosmetologist at the Hammond Area Career Center, students are able to get a jump start on their goals early on and explore the world. With our graduation rate being 98 percent, students are prepared to determine their own path.

Fueled with determination and their experiences in high school, these students reach for the stars and work to achieve their goals, no matter how far-fetched they may seem.

Mohammad Alam
Aspiring Architect

"My academic goal is to get into an architectural college and become an architect. Architecture entails quite a bit of moving if you don't stay at a firm, so I'll be going from city to city."

Mohammad Alam, junior

Antonio Cantu
Future Engineer

"My academic life goals are to get good grades and graduate not only from high school but college too. My life goal is to be a biomedical engineer. These goals will shape and define the paths I should take to succeed in life."

Antonio Cantu, sophomore

Emma Higgason
Attending MIT

"For as long as I can remember, I have loved math and science. It was not until last summer when I attended MIT's Women in Technology Program for Mechanical Engineering that I even considered engineering. And now, I am completely infatuated with the career. Next year, I will attend MIT and plan on majoring in Mechanical Engineering."

Emma Higgason, senior

Jonathan Bryson-Harvey

Future Lawyer

"I aspire to be a law student. That means achieving a good GPA and being involved in extracurricular activities to reach the college level. I feel as if right now, as a high school student, I'm not really educated yet, so I'm not really given that much respect."

Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, sophomore

Trinity Malave

Aspiring Olympian

"I'm very interested in my sports. My main one being wrestling. I look to wrestle in college and pursue to make it to the Olympics. Both my academic and life goals will redefine my life, because without the grades I cannot participate in the sport I love. My sports are a part of who I am, and I hope to be a coach to other females who have the same hopes and dreams as myself."

Trinity Malave, sophomore

Emma Philips

Future Professional Soccer Player

"My life goal is to play professional soccer for the Chicago Red Stars and also compete in the Olympics with the U.S. women's national team. Academically, I want to get a bachelor's degree from Northwestern."

Emma Phillips, junior

Mr. Dillon Pierie

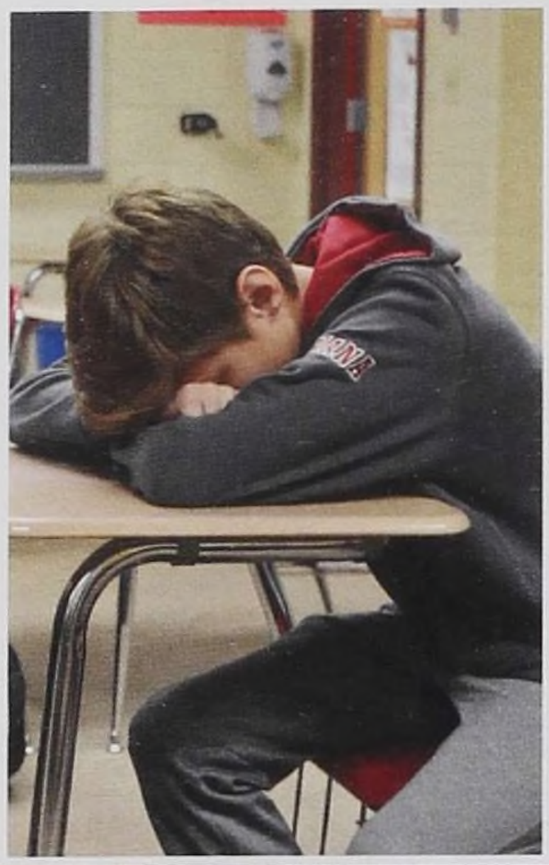
Math Teacher and Class of 2015

"I teach a lot of seniors, so I think it's important that they start preparing for life outside of high school, whether that means going into a profession or going to college. I teach Probability and Statistics, which are both pretty applicable to real world situations. So, a main goal of mine is to create as many real life examples as possible."

Mr. Dillon Pierie, math teacher

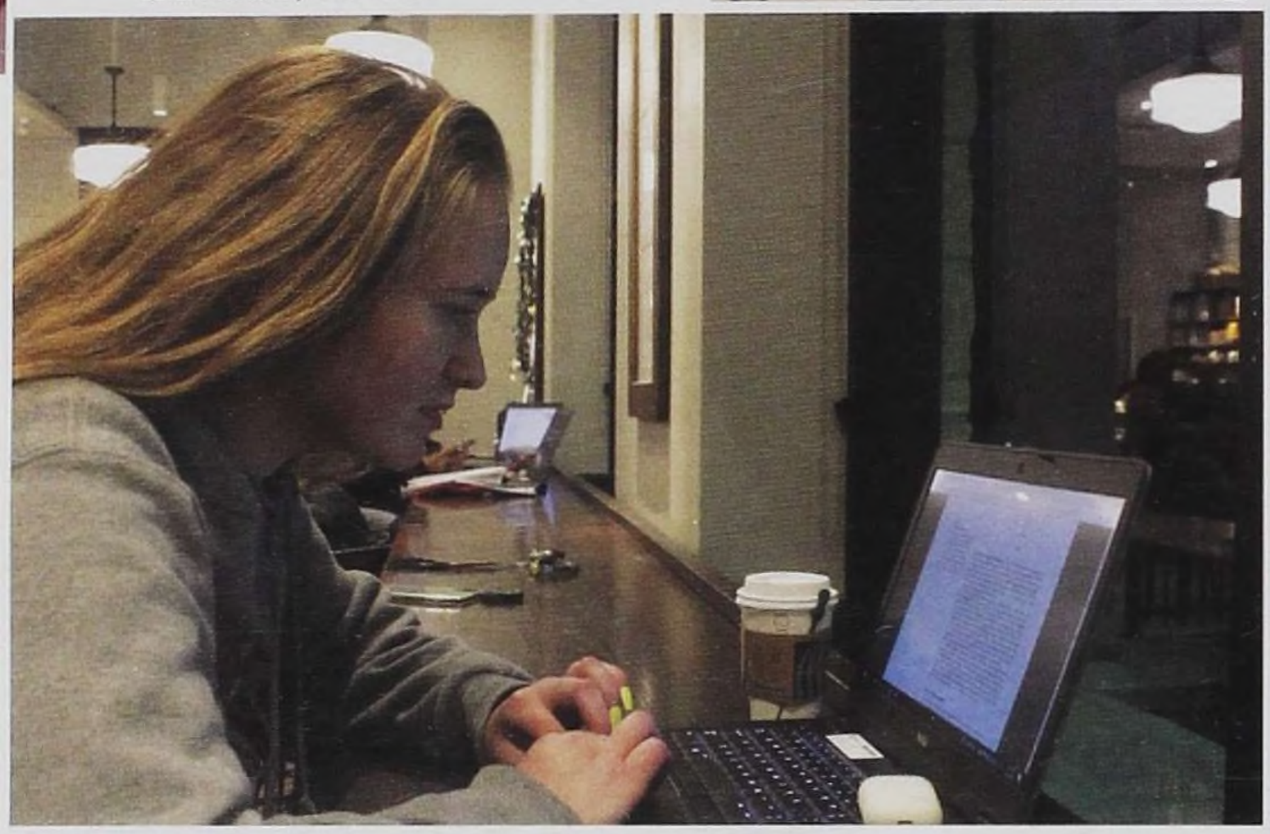
Sweet dreams

Laying his head down, Tanner Van Erman, freshman, tries to get some sleep during Geometry. Due to lack of sleep, Tanner was very tired. "I was dreaming about leaving school," Tanner said. **Photo by Cali Petersen**



Study sesh

Preparing for an upcoming AP Psychology test, Hannah Zukley, junior, spends her night at Starbucks. For over a year, Hannah has been coming to Starbucks to study. "The environment was so calm and I loved the coffee," Hannah said. **Photo by Mia Terek**



PSAT prep

Mikey Dempsey, junior, talks about taking a PSAT class

Q. Why did you decide to take a PSAT prep class?

A. I wanted to try and qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

Q. How did the class prepare you?

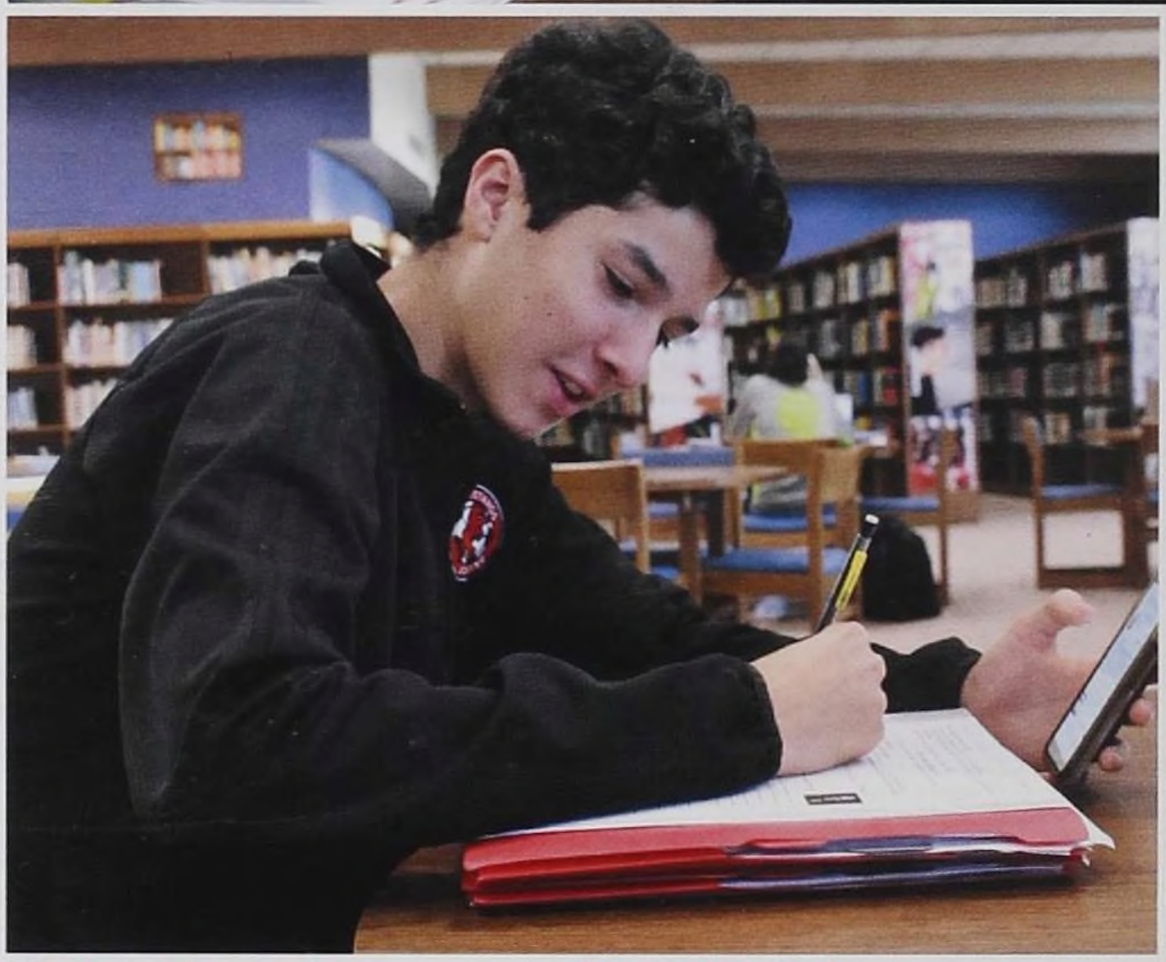
A. I feel like it made me less nervous to take the actual test.

Q. When and where was the class?

A. Wednesday's from 6 pm to 8:30 pm in Ms. Pflum's room.

Q. What tip would you give to people preparing for the PSATs?

A. Saltine crackers apparently give you enough serotonin to maximize your focus potential.



Media center mania

Sitting in the media center, John Linnane, sophomore, takes notes. John was taking notes from a day he was previously absent. "The media center was a good place to study with friends," John said. **Photo by Riley Ramirez**

In their element

Collaborating, Sierra Sweeney and Lindsey Reda, sophomores, work in the Chemistry lab. The class learned about lab safety. "I was thinking about how Chemistry was going to get really hard," Lindsey said. **Photo by Todd Mckechnie**

Contact time connections

Story by Mia Terek

Contact time provides diverse opportunities for learning

Spanning from 7:25 a.m. to a bit before first hour, Tuesday contact time is an optional resource when students can get help from teachers before school. During this time, students have many options for how they decide to spend these 30 minutes.

For Claire Nowak, junior, contact time is typically spent going to classrooms to get extra help from teachers.

"I used contact time because it is very helpful to get one on one time with teachers," Claire said. "During contact time, I usually go over problems that I did not understand on previous assignments or I ask the teacher to do some practice problems."

Other students, such as Kate Krawczyk, sophomore, spend their contact time in the media center to get assignments done, print papers, collaborate with friends or to just have a quiet place to study.

"Students should go to the media center because it is a good place to have quiet time to get extra work done," Kate said. "You could also print out papers that you may have forgotten to print at home or make study times to meet up with friends or a tutor."

Although contact can be spent talking to a teacher a classroom or printing in the media center, others like Victoria Flatt, sophomore, choose not to use it.

"I dont't use contact time because most of the time I don't really need it," Victoria said.

Victoria often times spends contact at home or hanging out with her friends.

"It's benefical for me not to use it traditionally and it gives me a chance to relax, she said."

A helping hand
Working with Mrs. Lyndee Govert, Amanda Barnes, freshman, gets help with her math midterm review. The day before in class, Amanda realized she needed help. "I made a mistake and I was thinking about how I messed up big time," Amanda said. **Photo by Angela Ortega**

Study animal
Sitting at home, Cooper Beck, sophomore, studies for his English midterm. Cooper wanted to spend at least two hours studying that night for midterms. "I didn't know how many midterms I had that week," Cooper said.
Photo by Genevieve Mrvan

Time to work

Students explain why they took study hall

Concentration nation
Taking an AP Statistics survey, Brady Ginaven, sophomore, concentrates in study hall. Study hall was used for various things beyond studying, including a survey regarding ghosts. "I was thinking about how scared I am of ghosts," Brady said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

"To get all my homework done." **Mady Kindy, 9**

"So I can nap mid-day." **Tyler Lukowski, 10**

"I had to drop one of my math classes and study hall was the only class available." **Jeneen Ishtawi, 11**

"I needed something to do." **Aiden Smith, 12**

how do you Study?

"In most of my classes we use textbooks so I like to re-read the chapters and take notes." **Ariel Velasco, 12**

"I just don't." **Nathan Allerding, 11**

"I like to make study groups with people from my classes." **Marissa Slivka, 10**

"Procrastinating and then getting my work done at the last minute." **Ryan Hughes, 10**

"Instead of studying, I just cry" **Saranya Sanaka, 12**

Baby boomer

A checklist to caring for your Advance Child development "baby" according to Alexis Berumen

Baby aboard
Wearing a pregnancy belly, Lilly Lemke, senior, talks to Ms. Brianne Rubesha, science teacher. Lilly had to wear the belly from the morning to 8th period. "It made me feel very uncomfortable and I hated it a lot," Lilly said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

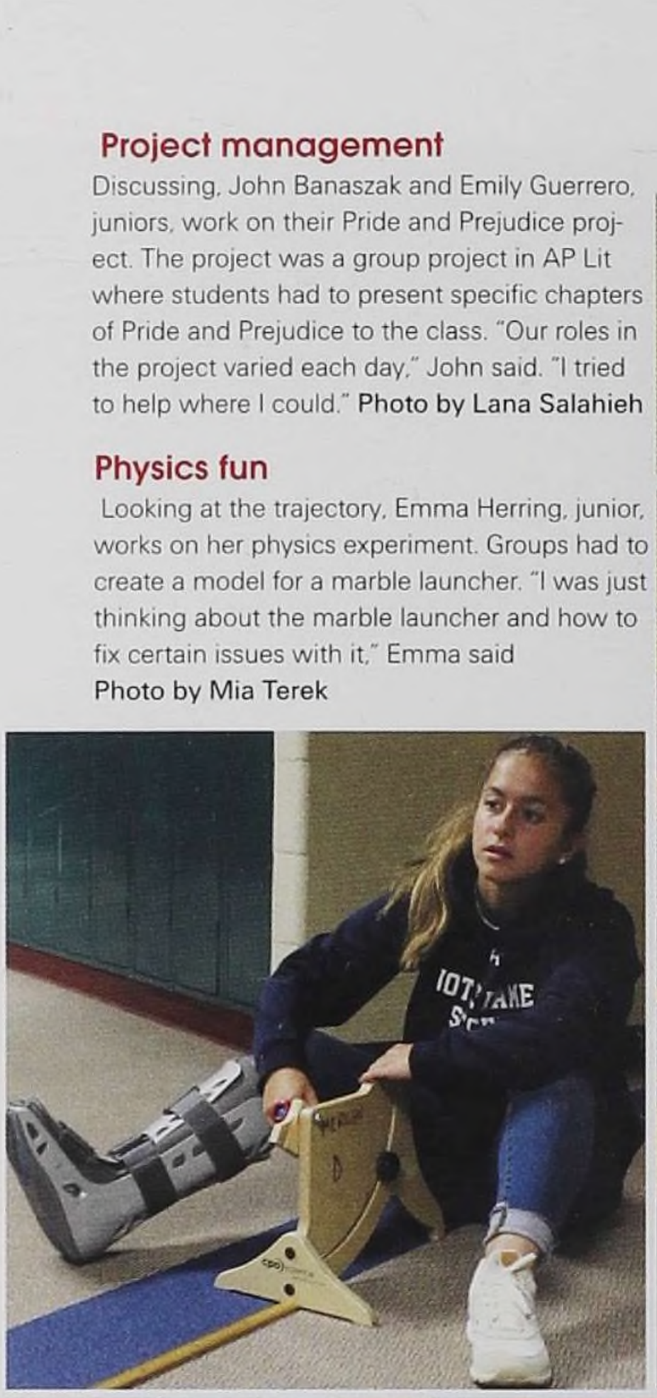
Read the directions
"There's a direction card inside which helps the parent to know what to do when the baby is crying."

Be careful with the baby
"The baby head is sensitive and you don't want to risk the chance of giving the baby shaken baby syndrome."

Care for the baby's needs
"Make sure to change the diaper and feed the baby at appropriate times."

Project management
Discussing, John Banaszak and Emily Guerrero, juniors, work on their Pride and Prejudice project. The project was a group project in AP Lit where students had to present specific chapters of Pride and Prejudice to the class. "Our roles in the project varied each day," John said. "I tried to help where I could." **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

Physics fun
Looking at the trajectory, Emma Herring, junior, works on her physics experiment. Groups had to create a model for a marble launcher. "I was just thinking about the marble launcher and how to fix certain issues with it," Emma said
Photo by Mia Terek



We're in this together

Story by Mia Terek

AP stats students discuss a major project

Taught by Mr. Mark Knight, Advanced Placement Statistics, commonly known as AP Stats, was one of the favorite and most well know math classes offered to students.

"I decided to take AP Statistics because I felt statistics is something important to know and learning proper data collection and analysis can be extremely useful in life," Carina Crisan, junior, said. "Whether it be doing it ourselves or analyzing other completed studies, it was useful knowledge to have."

One of the first projects of the year in AP Stats was a group survey project.

"The purpose of the project was to see how different styles of surveying could impact the outcome of the study," Carina said.

Although students had a fair amount of time to complete the project, a lot went into it, including a survey and a poster.

"We had a few weeks to complete the project, but it took us two days to survey," Carina said. "My group met up about three times outside of school to complete a poster with our results."

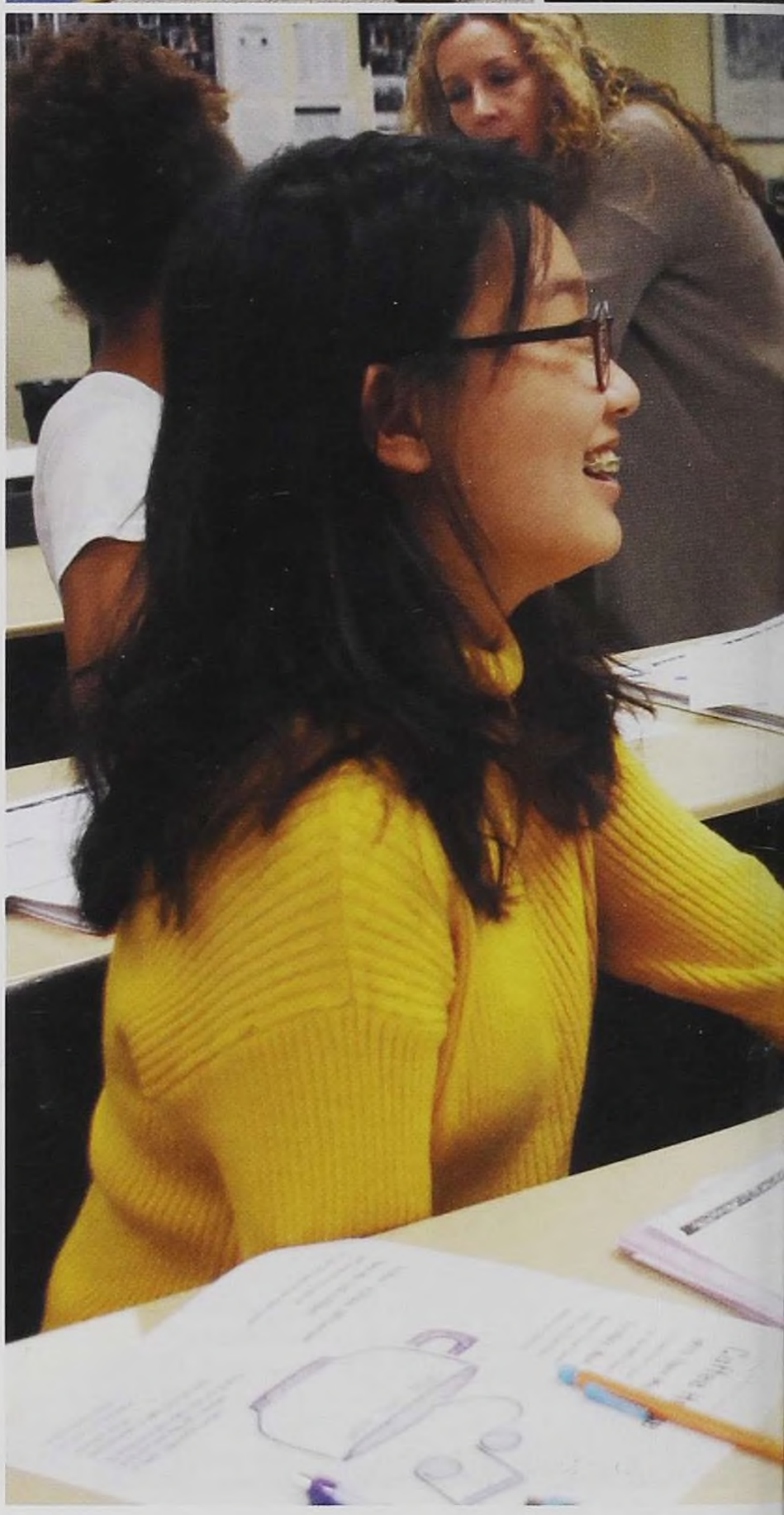
Taking time to do a project, as well as group dynamic can make or break a group's success. The success of Carina's group with Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, senior, and Nadia Perdue, junior, was due in part by their teamwork.

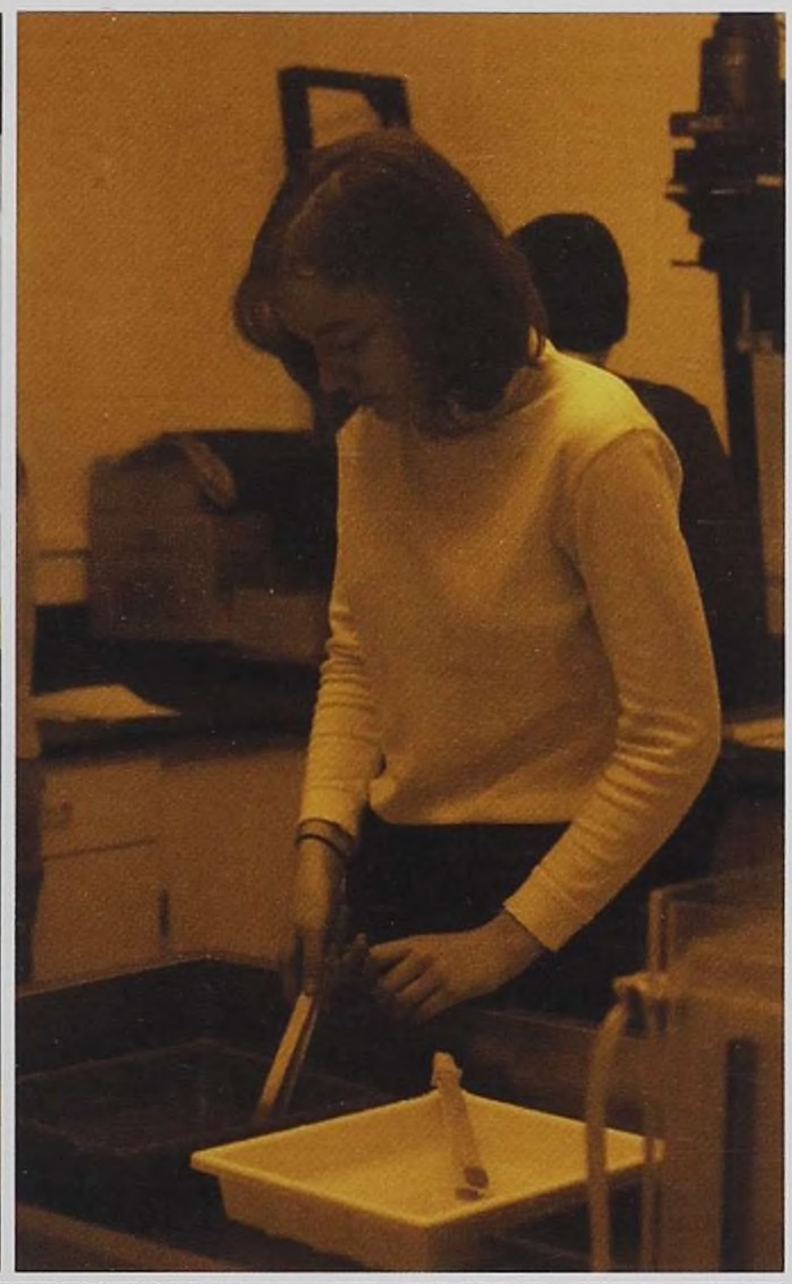
"Our group got along well," Carina said. "Both my group members were really friendly and hardworking students."

Project topics varied depending on the group. For Maya Kenny, junior, her group surveyed cheating.

"Our questions on our survey were based on cheating on tests," Maya said. "People were most likely to say no when a name was asked and said yes when no name was asked for. Overall I thought our project went well and the result was really as expected."

Habla en español
Working on Spanish homework, Alison Lee and Anna Babus, sophomores, discuss their opinions on the lesson .The girls were working on a preterite crossword puzzle. "Spanish 3 is difficult, but if you pay attention and do your homework, you should be fine," Anna said. **Photo by Lucy Torres**





Business as usual

Alexis Lindenmayer, senior, counts Crier by the numbers

Eyes open Looking through the camera, Lana Salahieh, junior, takes a photo for Backtalk. **Photo by Robert Young**

13 Crier issues

1 Class period

2 Weeks to prepare

14 Staff members

20 Hours per build

What was your hardest assignment?

"Memorizing the characters in Inherit the Wind."
Madelynn Nygaard, 9

"Nothing so far."
Patrick Cullars, 9

"Painting a self portrait."
Erica Garcia,10

"Algebra multi tier assignment."
Graham Mikrut, 11

"Anything to do with group projects."
Carmani Shedrich, 11

Developing new skills Standing in the darkroom, Maddison Butler, senior, puts her newly exposed image in the chemical developer. Students took photos on film cameras and then enlarged their negatives in the darkroom in order to learn how the film camera works."The dark room is the best place in the whole school because it smells like chemicals," Maddison said. **Photo by Robert Young** **Dancing duo** Making a Tik Tok, Taylor Olmstead and Kailyn Oganovich, juniors, preform a dance .Ms. Rubesha's anatomy class were required to make and record a dance for a project. "I didn't want to drop Kailyn and was worried that we wouldn't finish in time for the next part of the routine," Taylor said. **Photo by Gia Cvitkovich** **Lab leisure** Working in the lab, Brett Adams, freshman, obtains bacteria to put on his slide. Students had to heat the bacteria and look at them under the microscope. "I like the microbio class," Brett said. "It's easy points." **Photo by Olivia Balbo**

Performing the art of music

Story by Riley Ramirez

Senior musicians talk about their passion for music

Music is a form of art that students use to express themselves and showcase their talents through various instruments and music selections. Music classes offer many opportunities for students to learn a range of pieces while also finding their passions and turning these passions into a career.

"I realized I wanted to perform music in the future after an orchestra trip to perform in Carnegie Hall freshman year," David Cohen, senior, said. "The incredible experience that is felt when performing on stage had motivated me to do whatever it took to make that feeling the one I would have for the rest of my life."

As to some music is just another hobby during school, to others it's their future. Applying to the most competitive schools that offer the arts is challenging, but worth it if it's your passion.

"When I was little my parents actually discovered my talent from me singing along to the music on the radio in the back seat of the car," Mitchell Walsh, senior, said.

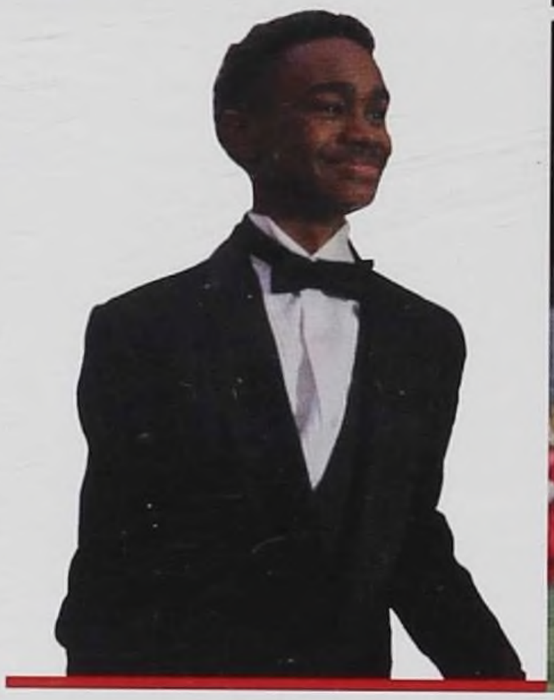
Performing for many years in front of hundreds of audiences gains on success overtime in awards and in oneself. The success and technique level couldn't have been done without the support from either their families, coaches, famous musicians/singers, or music conductors.

"Mr. Winterheimer has given me a ton of opportunities and chances," Zoe O'Shaughnessy, senior, said. "He asked me to play in the wind ensemble when I was in eighth grade, he also encouraged me into joining Marching Band."

Auditioning in front of some of the top schools in the Region causes musicians to learn every detail, from the background of the composer to the hidden messages and subtext written in the lyrics and notes.

"Mr. W is a very determined director," David said. "His passion has rubbed off on me, and without him and his unending motivation and hard criticism, I'd be at a lower place musically than I am."

Take the stage Waiting on stage, Kevon Carter, freshman, prepares to perform. The band has several performances and competitions throughout the year. "I feel like band is a really good way to express yourself through instruments," said Kevon. **Photo by Vanessa Situ** **Sing your hearts out** Before going to the Indiana Music Educators Association Conference, the chorale performed for friends and family in the MHS auditorium. This event took place on Jan.18 at Fort Wayne. **Photo by Lucy Torres** **Flute groove** Playing her flute, Iris Gong, sophomore, performs during halftime. These performances were great ways to prepare for their competitions. "I'm in Marching Band because of the fun environment and the bonds we have as a group,"Iris said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**



What is your go to genre?

"Spanish music because there's lots of beats and I'm able to move to the rhythm of the music and just feel it go throughout my body."

Angel Lopez, 9

"Video game soundtracks, they are just way better than actual music, but it is actual music."

Rachel Schassburger, 9

"Indie, because there's more meaning behind the music."

Sydney MacLean, 10

"Grunge, it has the most emotion."

Rachel Dawson, 11

"I just listen to what makes me feel good. I like how music can express so much in two minutes that I would have difficulty expressing in like five years."

Mackenzie Stricklin, 11

Relaxing rehearsal During a rehearsal, Cynthia Chockalingam, junior, concentrates on playing the cello."Playing the cello has always been something that is really relaxing for me," Cynthia said."If I ever need a de-stress I play the cello." Photo by Todd McKechnie **This is the way** Conducting the jazz band at a concert, Mr. Ian Marcusiu, band director assistant, cues the section to play. As a new faculty of MHS and WWMS, he conducted the jazz band. Photo by Vanessa Situ **Practice makes perfect** Playing the trombone, David Cohen, senior, practices for an audition. To compete with other musicians you have to constantly be improving. "I've had to deal with confidence issues and issues with other students who were not as passionate about music as I am," David said. Photo by Vanessa Situ

March to time

Students give input on their usual

Start rehearsal with stretch blocks, before choreography — 12 p.m.

Movement and music is added to the drill, then performed — 2 p.m.

"Playing your instrument gets you really motivated."
Anastasia Kapustina, 11

Rerun sets for director's critiques and edits — 4 p.m.

"I enjoy how welcoming the people are and how nice the seniors were."
Corey Dennis, 9

Color guard joins with the band — 6 p.m.

"You have a sense of importance. All this time is spent for competitions and they pay off."
Kit Eisha, 9

Section meetings and pack up — 8 p.m.

1p.m. **Aquire new drill sets and learn it step by step**

3 p.m. **Perform drill until the team is confident to perform**

"Knowing that we are doing this practice for the state is worth it because we're all in this together."
Peter Gallagher, 12

5 p.m. **Dinner break**

"Seeing my best friends almost everyday and the excitement of competitions makes it worth it."
Gabby Nieves, 10

7 p.m. **Instruments are incorporated once physical aspects are perfected**

"What keeps me motivated is going to state. It's always something we're trying to work for and place well."
Hector Gomez, 11

"Marching band is a true family. Everyone has your back when you need it and you will never find yourself alone"

Aleksandar Ilijevski, 10

Flute provided by Aleksandar Ilijevski, sophomore

Artsy touch Enjoying her time in Art Club, Tatianja Clark, sophomore, draws a picture. She joined Art Club to express herself. "Art is a way I can express my ideas," Tatianja said. "I plan on doing something art-related in the future." **Photo by Lauren Morris** **Book smart** Smiling down at her book, Lauren Phelps, sophomore, reads at a Read and White Book Club meeting."I joined Book Club because reading gives me new knowledge and gives me something fun to do," Lauren said. "I enjoyed spending time with the people there." **Photo by Lana Salahieh** **Sing it** Going over his part in the song "Simple Gifts," Tim Giannini, senior, sings with his classmates in Chorale. They are all responsible for being tenors. "We all shared at least one common interest: music," Tim said. "Choir was a great way to make a lot of long term friends." **Photo by Robert Young**

Curtain close

During a practice run of "The Addams Family," Ariel Velasco, senior, and Hunter Hamer, junior, peek from backstage. As they waited, the pair felt slightly nervous. "It was honestly a little nerve-wracking to know that I would go on stage and have the whole audience looking at me," Ariel said. "But once on stage, I had a blast with my character." **Photo by Lauren Morris**

Marching along

Practicing on the football field, Austin Beetson, freshman, plays the baritone. "We're together all the time," Austin said. "Without band, I wouldn't have nearly as many good friends as I have today." **Photo by Robert Young**

Clubs:

Singing, marching and reading

When you feel bored, there's plenty to do here. You can learn to salsa dance in Spanish Club with your friends, volunteer for your Project X hours, learn something new in Science Olympiad, meet new people in Philosophy club, and so much more. Sure, there's homework to be done, but that can wait for a small while. After all, you have a club meeting to get to, and you wouldn't want to be late. If you're in need of a schedule change, just take your world and redefine it.

"Band is together all the time; we have each other's back."
Austin Beetson, 9

Emily Guerrero
Poetry Club President

"As a leader I think I have gotten more people involved with the club. It's no longer a club where only a select few people go—everyone's accepted to read, write and share."

Emily Guerrero, junior

Serena Alvarez
Robotics Club President and Band Section Leader

"Serving as president of Robotics for two years has given me a sense of potential that all of the students in the club have because of how many different aspects our club covers with various committees, along with all our brilliant minds. With so much collaboration, I try to make sure that everyone feels comfortable with what they're doing and that their voices are being heard."

Serena Alvarez, senior

LEADERSHIP REDEFINE IT

With our 34 clubs and 39 sports teams, we are constantly being led by many students, coaches, and faculty all year round. Leadership roles help build self-esteem and open opportunities for others. Leaders learn the importance of communication, management, and teamwork by working with others to create and inspire. Without our leaders, there would be no change.

Leading their clubs with innovation and creative thinking, these students are commended for their leadership abilities and integrity, changing their clubs, school and lives.

Henry Sklar
Ultimate Frisbee Club Founder

"I think (Ultimate Frisbee Club) makes it a little less stressful. When people play at our games on Wednesdays they are less stressed out and the weight comes off when you're throwing the frisbee around. Today, I think school comes with a lot of pressure and having Ultimate Frisbee is a really good thing."

Henry Sklar, senior

George Dimopoulos

Philosophy Club Co-Founder and Ping Pong Club President

"The reason for starting (Philosophy Club) was to give people the opportunity to converse about their beliefs and opinions philosophically. I feel as if it's not the leadership carrying this club, it's the people that are engaging in the club. That's what I feel makes this club special."

George Dimopoulos, senior

Lilia Brunetti

French Club and Environmental Science Board

"We are trying to grow the French program at the middle school because of the cuts that have been made to it and the lack of students in the program. As a leader I feel that it is important to go on field trips to the middle school and have information sessions to build the program."

Lilia Brunetti, senior

Aishik Dhori

Math Club Board

"We want to spread awareness for math competitions and open doors for students because when you see students being admitted into Stanford, MIT and Georgia Tech, some of the top engineering schools in the country, you see them going to math competitions, doing well on the American Mathematics Competition Exam and are National Finalists. But you don't see kids from Munster winning these because of lack of opportunity."

Aishik Dhori, junior

Alyssa Nahnsen

Student Body President

"I think that (listening) is one of the most valuable traits a leader can have and so through this position of Student Body President. I've been working to enhance these skills, to really take the time and sit down with my Vice President, Sami (Muhrez), senior, and talk everything through. We always have a positive light and never shut everything down right away."

Alyssa Nahnsen, senior

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Back to business

DECA members explain how the club was beneficial

DECA was a student-centered organization that revolved around leadership and personal development. It was an international association of high school and college students that prepared leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and other business areas.

At state, Noah Poole and Noah Hensley placed second for their start up business plan.

"We had to create a presentation to try and sell our product to judges, which was like Shark Tank," Noah Hensley, junior, said.

DECA gave students in both high school and college the opportunity to prepare for fields in the business world. This allowed them to see if they would like to pursue business as a career.

"I have learned a lot of professional skills, and it has helped me to think outside of the box," Sierra Sweeney, sophomore, said. "DECA was unique because everything you learn in it will help you in the future, and not many clubs integrated all the skills DECA did, which made it unique."

DECA this past year has also had a new change in leadership with a new FACS teacher as its sponsor.

"DECA gave our youth a chance to express themselves, show leadership, and get to develop those leadership skills in the future," Ms. Rebecca Scotland, DECA sponsor, said.

Checkmate

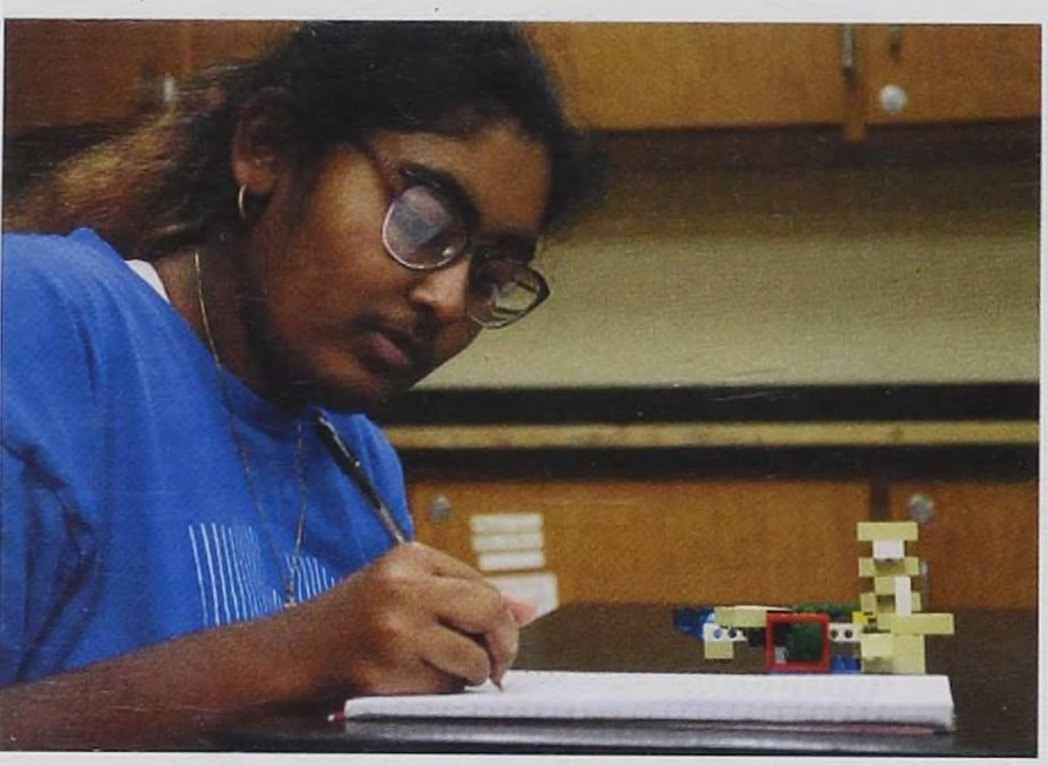
Ethan Diaz, freshman from Chess club explains different techniques

"I wait and buy time to see what my opponent does and then counter those moves as best as I can."

"By advancing the pawns so that I can move out the knights and bishops."

Stalemate

Playing a game of chess, Ben Mellon, junior, is practices for a tournament. Mellon has been playing chess since he was seven. "My dad taught me how to play chess when I was really young," Mellon said. "I did a small tournament around that time and in fourth grade I joined the elementary school chess team." Photo by Lucy Torres

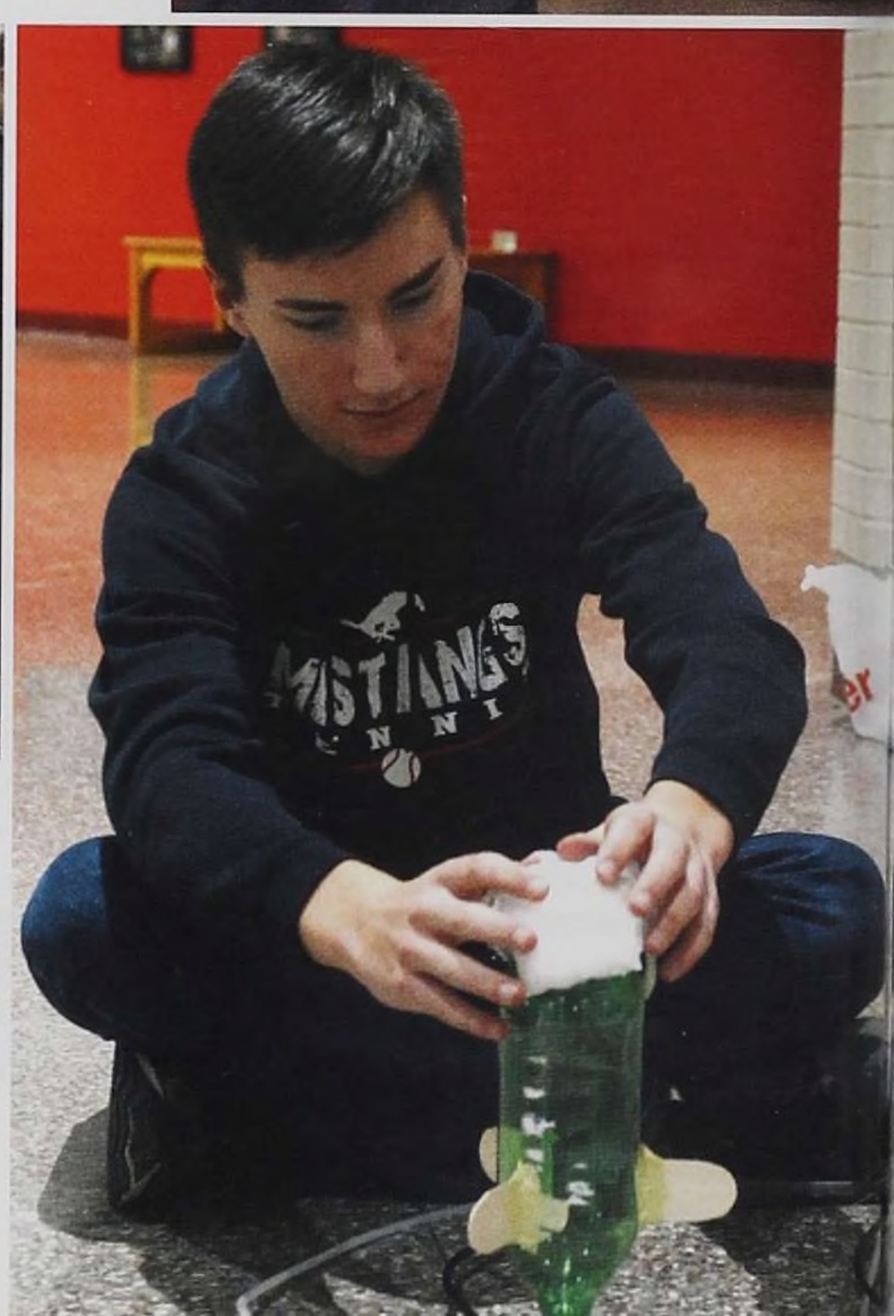


Study smart

Writing her instructions, Saranya Sanaka, senior, practices for her event "Write it, Do it' for Science Olympiad. "Someone builds an object for a team of two people," Saranya said. "Someone else writes instructions for the other partner to rebuild the object." Photo by Lucy Torres

Write away

Selecting his events at the DECA call out in the cafeteria, Roman Garcia, senior, picks to participate in sports and entertainment marketing. "I joined DECA to get a deeper sense of what marketing and business was like," Roman said.
Photo by Max Lindenmayer



Build up Leah Patterson, senior, helps Shouri Bitla, sophomore build a standard six-wheel drive base that is included as the basic component for all robots. "When building I feel as if I can successful use my skills to complete a task that helps society function," Leah said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert** **Launch it up** Building a model rocket, James Krieg, junior, is testing out his latest creation for the next competition. "I'm a builder, so I do most of the building and modeling," James said. "I was interested in science and all my friends were doing it." **Photo by Vanessa Situ** **Boom time** Richard Kicho, sophomore and Aishik Dhori, sophomore are preparing to test a boomilever. "My favorite part of Science Olympiad is meeting new people." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Build vs study

Members from Science Olympiad explain the difference between build teams and study teams

Science Olympiad has different events where team member can either take a test or build a device. Team members that have to prepare to take a test are called study teams, and teams who build are build teams.

"For study events you have to do a lot of research and study countless hours, memorizing all the small details," Brett Soeka, junior, said. After a device is built, it would have to be taken to competition to be judged on how well it completes certain criteria.

"I like build because I like working with my hands," James Krieg, junior, said. "I get a good sense of accomplishment when it is finished."

What has your club taught you?

"Personal political alignment isn't as black and white as society makes it out to seem."
Kiari Nero, 12
Civics Club

"To go a lot more in depth about different aspects of science as well as getting better at working with others."
Iris Gong, 10
Science Olympiad

"More about our government and what we can do to improve it."
Max Ladd, 11
Civics Club

"I learned different things from events about chemistry."
Anya Fitzpatrick, 12
Science Olympiad

How has this club helped you express yourself?

"Debate helped give me a productive outlet. I have made good friends with like-minded interest who help me grow."
Brink Wolak, 11
Speech and Debate

"It helps with expressing all the negatives. I express myself with when it comes to my thoughts and visions I have but I often express how other people feel."
Mateo Bedolla, 10
Poetry Club

"It lets me talk about questions I've never thought about before and open up a field of conversation."
Anna Babus, 10
Philosophy Club

"Art club has helped me express myself in the mural, I can leave a piece of myself at the school. I also express myself through my art. Sometimes a little doodle can become something more."
Lita Cleary, 9
Art Club

"Philosophy club had helped me to learn the perspectives of other people, and just be able to discuss people and our varying beliefs about why we do what we do."
Chris Canul, 11
Philosophy Club

"Theatre has entirely made me who I am. It helps me come out of my shell, being on stage feels very freeing."
Josh Korwek, 9
Theater

"Philosophy club has helped me express myself as it lets me share my thoughts and ideas about different ideologies with peers without feeling judged."
Hannah Zukley, 11
Philosophy Club

Break a leg

Maria Ramos discusses the process of preparing for a "Addams Family" practice

1. *During rehearsal:* Research role—famous dead people were featured in this play
2. *During rehearsal:* Assemble costume—the costume is chosen to fit the character
3. *Performance night:* makeup—makeup can take up to 30 minutes to get just right
4. *Performance night:* Microphone check—essential to make sure you are heard by all
5. *Performance night:* Spirit Circle—MTC ritual to get the cast hyped up before going on stage

Setting the Scene

During dress rehearsal, Maria Ramos, sophomore, acts on stage in "Addams Family." "I was playing Rose from Titanic," Maria said. **Photo by Lauren Morris**

Serious times

In Philosophy Club's monthly meeting Jaelyn Williams, junior, speak out about how we only know what we see. "I love Philosophy Club," Jaelyn said. "It makes me learn to accept that your way of thinking isn't always correct." **Photo by Robert Young**

Stand tall

During Poetry club's monthly meeting Emily Guerrero, junior, stands at the podium reading aloud. "I was reading a poem and feeling very nervous,"Emily said. "Because I don't like reading out loud." **Photo by Angela Ortega**

Up for debate

Do you belong in Speech or Debate?

1. Can you argue your way out of situations?
   a. Definitely
   b. Uh, no.
   c. I'd rather go home
2. Do you enjoy reading poetry?
   a. I guess
   b. Love it!
   c. I like comics.
3. Do you catch up on current events?
   a. Obviously
   b. Don't care
   c. Current events?
4. Can you impersonate a celebrity?
   a. Depends.
   b. Of course!
   c. I don't care about them.

Mostly A's means that you should go for debate. "We are able to express different perspectives on certain issues, creating a higher level of understanding for us students that we wouldn't necessity obtain if we were not part of debate," Carina Crisan, junior, said.

Mostly B's means that you belong in speech. "Public speaking is really important to me. I have a platform where I can go up and talk about topics I care about and educate people on them," Srishti Sarkar, junior, said.

Mostly C's means that you belong in neither speech nor debate. Both require being able to argue and support a statement and standing in a front of a large audience.

This is my expression

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Art club members express their feelings about art

Creativity is being able to turn and transform ideas into different platforms and being able to express oneself in various ways. Art Club is a way to express creative skills and imagination. This can be done with visuals such as paintings, drawings or sculptures to show beauty or emotional power.

"I chose Art Club to express myself simply due to wanting to be surrounded by other creative people as much as possible," Matt Cortez, senior, said.

Art means something different to every person. It helps people express themselves in all different ways. It also makes them feel different types of ways.

"It makes me happy to be a part of something that helps others express their feelings through different mediums," John Cronin, senior, said.

There is so much diversity when it comes to art and why people express themselves through it. Art can help relieve stress from school, it can also be a style of communicating for some individuals.

Art can be used as an escape from the outside world. People like to use art to get away from everyone else. Art can be used to just to play with and have fun.

"Art club makes me feel proud of not only myself for becoming club president but for the accomplishments we have had over the last several years," Matt said. During late 2019, Art Club began work on a second mural ("Roll Stangs" in North).

Light up the stage

During parent preview night Stephanie Niemiec, senior, played as Alice in The Addam's Family. "I was feeling very excited," Stephanie said. "It was my the first high school show I've been apart of." **Photo by Robert Young**

Over the Moon

At Glenbrooks North Speech Tournament, Jack Sullivan and Jamie DeJoan, seniors, hug in celebration. Jack got third in duo interpretation with Michael McDunn, the first duo ever to final at Glenbrooks from Munster, "I went nuts and I went up to her and hugged," Jack said. "I was just really really happy."
Provided by Francis Hovland

It runs in the family

Family member on Crier staff talks about working with each other

Laugh aloud

In the publications room, Max Lindenmayer, sophomore, sits with his sister Lexi Lindenmayer, senior, and cousin, Cali Petersen, sophomore, as they laugh when he made a funny joke. "I'm always confused with them," Max said. "So I didn't understand what was happening." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

"I love the way Max and Cali have grown over the course of the year. It's really cool to see my family do something that I enjoy and become so good at it. "

Lexi Lindenmayer, Editor-in-Chief of Crier, 12
Sister of Max, Cousin of Cali

"Normally, I think people who have family as their boss they wouldn't take them as seriously. But I take Lexi very seriously, I'm really proud of her for being editor-in-chief."

Cali Petersen, 10
Cousin of Lexi and Max

"It's cool because it is someone that I trust that can tell me what to do and I always respect her opinion on that. It was always comfortable working with family and that to know you were in a safe place."

Max Lindenmayer, 10
Sister of Max, Cousin of Cali

Story by Riley Ramirez

Being true to oneself

Members of GSA talk about what the club truly means

Everyone should be able to feel as if they can be themselves, and this is particularly important at school. Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) offers a safe community for everyone and anyone that joins.

"I couldn't fully be myself at school, but now I can because of GSA. There are a lot of students who aren't able to fully feel safe as themselves, and we wanted to give them a safe environment,"Olivia Quinones, junior, said. "We want students to be able to feel like they can be themselves outside of school. We want to give them a place where they won't be judged or criticized, because I know how it feels to not have a place where you can just be yourself."

Everyone goes through their own individual experiences when being part of the LGBTQ community.

"I joined the GSA to support my friends," Fiona Aune, freshman, said. "Some of them had a hard time coming out to their family."

GSA was a club that meant acceptance. It ran to educate those who may not have understood another person's lifestyle.

"I'm able to guide and help kids who are either younger than me or older than me and help them through their experiences and just be there for them," Olivia said. "Knowing that my actions or words can help somebody makes me content because I love helping people, especially when it's something I'm passionate about.

Everybody deserves to be happy with their lives and themselves. GSA offers students to learn more about the LGBTQ community, while supporting one another.

"GSA feels comfortable and warm. You don't feel out of place, you just feel good," Emily Guerrero, junior, said. "The atmosphere is so welcoming and comfortable and you just feel represented and accepted for once."

As GSA redefined its leadership, MJ Migliore, sophomore, and Olivia took charge as presidents.

"My co-president and I balance each other out well and we also work good together, and bring a lot of new ideas," Olivia said. "When people asked me about the club I run, I was so proud to say I was co-president of GSA."

If the shirt fits

Members discuss the designs of Link Crew Shirts

IT'S NICE TO BE IMPORTANT BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE NICE!
LINK CREW
2018-2020
MUSTANGS
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN OBSTACLE AND AN OPPORTUNITY? YOUR ATTITUDE

Shirts provided by Jonathan Del Real.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

"I liked 2018 shirts with the tropical trees because it looked cute with a jean skirt."
April Roberts, 12

"I liked the pink because of the color, but I truly love the message tht both shirts tried to spread."
Jonathan Del Real, 12

"I liked the 2019 shirts because the yellow was very bright and stood out to the freshman on the first day of school."
April Roberts, 12

"I kind of wished the yellow was more of a school color. To me, it didn't match with what I had in mind when anticipating the arrival of the shirts."
Jonathan Del Real, 12

Paint your way Helping out with the CEC Homecoming float, Habiba Ouyuon and Leira Alvarez, sophomores, paint the outer space theme playhouse. "I liked how it turned out and was honestly really impressed with it." Habiba said. Photo by Cali Peterson **Up to speed** Putting up a poster, Jaelyn Williams, junior, Ben Goldman, senior, and Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, raise awareness to keep students away from danger. "With new drivers driving to and from school, it is important to stay cautious," Jaelyn said. Photo by Robert Young **The Bread of life** Preparing for a party, Camille Renwald and Phillip Lemke decorate holiday cookies. Some were given to local police officers and firefighters. Photo by Chloe Lambert **Arts and crafts** Setting up for Homecoming, Andrew Wittkamp, junior, takes part in building a pillar. "It's a lot of work, but its worth it," said Andrew. Photo by Robert Young **We stand together** At a GSA dinner, Kaylauren Gruber, sophomore, lines up for food. They often do meetings where everyone can bond and share stories. Photo by Lauren Morris **Sisterly love** During the Best Buddies Bowl, Emma Gossman, sophomore, plays with her sister Hannah Gossman, senior. "Everyone likes to have people around them that make them laugh and lift them up and that's what best buddies was all about," Emma said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

Project pros

Kamila Navarro gives the pros of Project X

Say "volunteer"
Volunteering for Project X, Kamila Navarro takes a selfie with Santa Claus. "Volunteering makes me feel good because you're giving back to your community and that's one of the best feelings you can get," Kamila said.
Photo by Lucy Torres

- ☑ Looks good on your college resume
- ☑ Volunteering makes you feel good
- ☑ A good way to make new friends and to meet new people
- ☑ A great way to spend your time
- ☑ Volunteering in your community or school makes a huge impact even if its a small action

How has your view on social issues been redefined?

"Student Government opens your eyes to what goes on within the students and how different people are."
Megan Flynn, 11

"CEC has helped me notice that it's easier to put our opinions first, but if we keep an open mind we can go very far in the world."
Jada Smith, 10

"Student Government has really helped me see the bigger picture. I was able to get other people's opinions and see all sides of stories."
Zach Lenaburg, 10

"After I got accepted into Link Crew, my perspective on social issues, such as bullying, were completely changed. I was able to connect them to everyday social issues and gain a better perspective on the topic as a whole."
Ananya Sharma, 11

An open book

Simona Terek talks about her favorite book from Read and White Book Club

Reading is life
Simona Terek, sophomore, shares what her favorite book from book club has been. "Reading makes me happy." Terek said. "I can experience other adventures." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

"American Born Chinese"
by Gene Luen Yang

"This book is different because it takes a funny approach at cultural differences. It is about an American born Chinese student that has gods coming to teach him about his culture."

Simona Terek, 10

Rating: ★★★★★ out of 5 stars

What is the best thing about your club?

"Different aspect of Parisian culture that we often do not get to talk about in class."
Taylor Graham, 11
French Club

"Becoming comfortable with a new language and culture."
Sophia Farias, 11
Spanish Club

"That it is open to everyone, even if you don't play you can be on a training team work in other ways to help the club."
Carli Strbiak, 12
eSports

Let's dance Practicing her salsa skills, Sydney Skrobot junior, partners with Sophia Farias, junior at Spanish Club's salsa class. "Sophia and I decided to be partners for the salsa lesson, we weren't any good at it but it was a lot of fun." Sydney said. "She didn't like the class but I still wanted to learn more about the culture." **Photo by Demetrios Fotopoulos**

Hot tamale Ananya Sharma, junior, makes ornaments angels out of corn husks for Spanish Club. "I decided to do Spanish Club because the activities were fun and interesting," Ananya said. **Photo by Lauren Morris**

French culture Writing a message in French, Joanne Hwang, junior, attends the first meeting of French Club. "I think French history is really interesting to learn about," Joanne said. "We can learn more in depth about French culture." **Photo by Lauren Morris**

Spin to Win
Preparing to receive the ball, Aaron Gorny, junior, plays with friends during Ping Pong Club. "I might have been winning, but I really don't know," Aaron stated. "It gave me an opportunity to hang out with friends I didn't have class with and didn't see throughout the day". **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Sign of the times

Members of ASL club express their love for the club and culture

American Sign Language is the primary language of the deaf community in North America. ASL Club is surrounded by the culture of ASL. It is a combination of hand movements, facial expressions and body posture.

"Deaf culture is quite often misunderstood," Jorianna Hazel, senior, said. "It is important to have some type of knowledge about deaf culture because you would not want to insult anyone."

The ASL club visited members of the deaf community and socialized and learned more about the culture.

"ASL always interested me," Yalissa Rubio, senior, said. "It is very interesting and I knew that I could use the language outside of school and it could help communicate with people who use it."

It is a club, culture and language that gets underrepresented.

"I joined ASL because I loved the class and wanted to do it as much as I could to get more skilled at the language," Lilly Lemke, senior, said. "I love getting to meet the amazing people in the deaf community that I would have never met if it weren't for the club." ASL has such a rich history behind it and also is a huge part of the deaf culture and community.

"Being hard of hearing, I know that there is not a lot of representation at the high school, so being a part of the club and eventually being in a leadership position sets that representation for other people who are hard of hearing or deaf," President Ava Quasney, junior, said. "I have had times where I have gone completely deaf, so knowing ASL is extremely crucial to me."

Oh say can you see

Learning the national anthem, Mary Anne O'Brien, senior, practices signing the National Anthem for the Best Buddies Bowl. "As soon as I joined I realized how everyone is the same even but is different in there own way," Mary Anne said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Game away

eSports and their accomplishments

- Overwatch Red team took second at state
- Rocket League Calvary team took second at state
- Ethan Boersma, sophomore, was first place statewide for Forza

The game is lost

While playing the game "Overwatch," Eric Situ, freshman, and Jaden Williams, sophomore, is upset that Eric loss. "I enjoy playing games as an escape from school." Eric said. "eSports was there when I was not feeling good." **Photo by Madison Leimbach**

Talk to the hand

Ava Quasney, ASL president, and her favorite word to sign

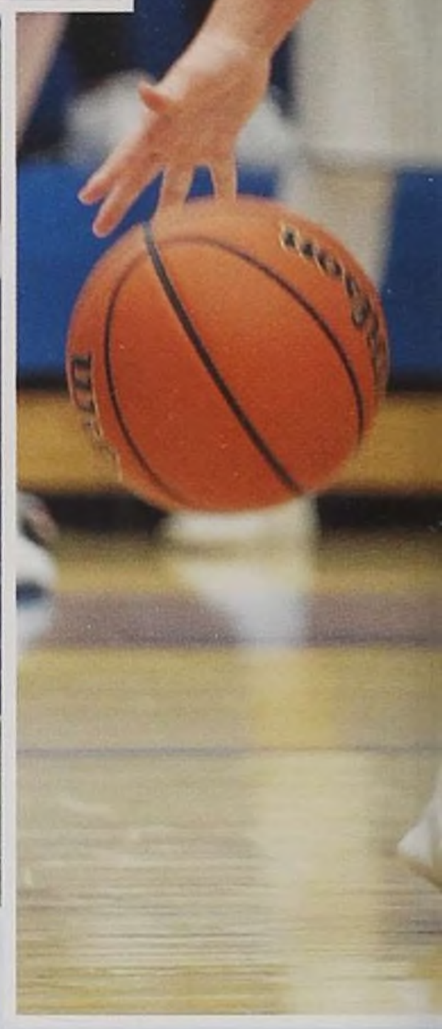
"My favorite sign is for 'pasteurized milk.' To sign 'pasteurized milk,' you basically open and shut your hands. You start with a closed hand, and repeatedly open and clasp your hand while moving left in front of your face across your eyes."

Ava Quasney, 11

Signing away

Ava Quasney, junior, shows how to sign pasteurized milk in three steps. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Just keep swimming Coming up for a breath, Kyle Adams, senior, performs a breaststroke. He won first place against Chesterton, and his average time this year was roughly 57 seconds. "Swim was a good group of boys," Adams said. **Power kick** Running up to the soccer ball, Kenna Teske, sophomore, prepares to take a corner kick. "The entire time I thought of trying to get the ball in the perfect and easiest spot for my teammates to run on and score," Teske said. **Down the court** Dribbling the ball, Nikki Sullivan, sophomore, runs down the court to take a shot. "I was feeling a bit nervous because it was a very close game," Sullivan said. "But I knew that I was helping my team to the best of my ability." **Locked in** Locking arms with opponent, Gabe Tienstra, sophomore, competes in a wrestling match with a wrestler from Calumet High School. **Photos by Todd McKechnie**



Sports:

Student Section, Competition, and Pride

Sports are more than just the game—it's the memories made on and off of the court. It's breaking the front row of the bleachers at the Boys' Basketball game while watching them defeat Crown Point. It's waking up at 5 a.m. to swim in an ice cold pool everyday in order to win Sectionals for the 35th consecutive time. It's remembering to check your Twitter for the football game's student section theme and having a game almost every night, all while having to stay up until 2 a.m. to finish your homework. When football turns to basketball, and tennis turns to golf, all year-round, MHS students come together as Mustangs.

On top of the world
Focusing on her balance, Ke'Nyah Foster, senior, is raised in the air for the cheer routine. Her position was the flyer. "It required a lot of confidence being able to go out there and be the center of attention," Foster said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

"I like the level of commitment that we have for each other."
Gabe Tienstra, 10

Sarah Morton

Volleyball Player

"While I was injured, the (scope surgery on my knee) was a very stressful thing and now I'm so appreciative of what I have. The people I play with are so supportive and they show that I can keep on going and I can keep on being who I am on the court. With an injury it's definitely a big mental hurtle to get over."

Sarah Morton, sophomore

Eddie Minniefield

Basketball and Baseball Player

"My (torn ACL) has taught me that I don't have to do everything on my own and that it's okay to ask others for help when I need it. It affects my future because it showed me I'm not invincible and that I need to be more careful and take better care of my body so that I can stay healthy as I get older."

Eddie Minniefield, sophomore

Presley Simpson

Football and Baseball Player

"I had always imagined playing under the Friday night lights. But after I was diagnosed with my concussion, I realized I had definitely had multiple. So I had to make a decision. I felt like I was letting down my family, but overall I knew it was the best decision for me. Quitting Football allowed me to focus more on school, and overall has given me a better opportunity to succeed in school/college."

Presley Simpson, senior

Grace Helmer

Basketball and Soccer Player

"Basketball was kind of just taken away from me. It was the one thing that I've ever known and I was very lost. So, as I was recovering (from my torn ACL and broken knee cap), the whole thing kind of taught me like, 'Stuff happens in life and you just have to get back up and try even harder.' It's been hard to deal with. You have to find different hobbies and stuff. Basketball was like an outlet for me. If I was angry, I would go play basketball. If I was happy, I would go play basketball. Now I can't."

Grace Helmer, senior

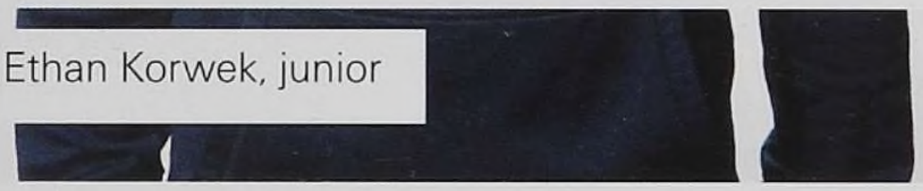
INJURIES REDEFINE IT

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), nearly 8 million high school students participate in sports in the U.S. These athletes account for an estimated 2 million injuries and 500,000 doctor visits and 30,000 hospitalizations each year. This affects their lives, schoolwork, and future. Despite the many injuries that our athletes have experienced this year, they were able to stay strong, positive and determined in order to overcome these hardships. Although they were on the side lines, they continued to work on their goals.

Ethan Korwek

Wrestler and Lacrosse Player

"After I was done with physical therapy, my life was pretty much back to normal. With sports, however, I have to wear a special brace for support. I was not able to wrestle this season because of my (torn ACL). If I take a heavy hit, it is incredibly painful. Overall, I am very optimistic as I have been able to start using my leg for lifting heavier weights and I am very excited to get back into lacrosse even after the setback."



Ethan Korwek, junior

Aleena Mongerie

Basketball Player

"I thought I'd just be stuck in the situation for a while, but then I realized that this would make me work a lot harder and appreciate everything that I have and I feel like it will build my character and make me a better person. I know that when I get off of the crutches I will be able to do better and really push myself harder because you never know what's going to happen."

Aleena Mongerie, junior

Juli Nelson

Soccer Player

"I tore my MCL, and normally it's a quick recovery, but because of the way and degree I tore it, the doctors said all I can do is wait. It changed my outlook on what I was doing because I had been playing soccer since I was three and I hadn't been hurt at all. For it to happen during my senior year obviously sucks, but it made me realize that there are a lot more things than just my soccer career."

Juli Nelson, senior

Right up their alley

Hockey players discuss being a part of their club

Story by Mia Terek

When most people think of high school, sports such as football or basketball tend to come to mind. In most cases, these types of sports are run by the school. However, this is not the case for the Munster Hockey Club, a co-ed hockey program.

"We only had the rights to the name and logo," Linda Riley, junior, said. "We are not a school-sanctioned sport."

Throughout Indiana, school sports are required to be authorized by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, better known as the IHSAA.

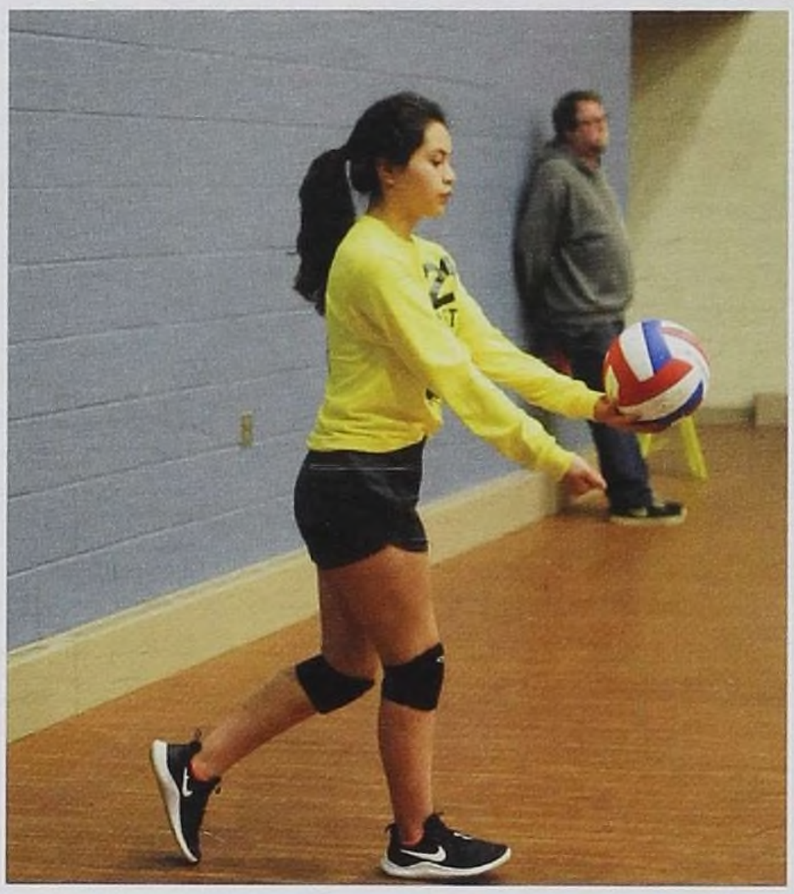
"The school doesn't hire coaches for us. The club had to provide their own," Gabe Hoekstra, junior, said. "They didn't give us any money for the club either."

Although not being a sanctioned sport makes the team a bit unconventional, the club ended their winter season with a record of 11-14. With being an independent club comes the opportunity for members to meet new people.

"There were only about ten kids on the team that actually went to Munster," Riley said. "Most of the other players came from multiple schools across Indiana and Illinois."

Being a Munster team with non-Munster members is an important aspect of this club. It's one of the main factors that separates this club from our sanctioned-school teams.

"It was interesting to have players on the team from different schools," Evi Allerding, freshman, said. "It allowed me to meet a bunch of different people, especially ones from different schools."



Eyes on the prize Focusing, Michael Collins, sophomore, tries to shoot a layup against Michael Cundiff, junior, during a Biddy Ball game. Biddy Ball was a competitive, recreational baskeball league. "I think it was fun being with my friends and doing something during the winter instead of just sitting around and sleeping," Collins said. "I just find it really fun." **Photo by Robert Young** **Strike it** Releasing the ball, Lita Cleary, freshman, bowls at Stardust Bowl. Lita was one of the only girls on the club bowling team. "I tried to watch how I bowled to make sure I knew what the heck I was doing," Cleary said. **Photo by Lucy Torres** **Get served** Holding the ball, Violet Luna, sophomore, gets ready to serve. Violet has been part of the Westminister volleyball team since middle school. "'Don't mess up' constantly goes through my head during the games," Luna said. **Photo by Leila Damianos**

Need for speed

Holding his hockey stick, David O'Brien, sophomore, skates at Midwest Training and Ice. The club hockey team had practices twice a week. "I started playing hockey because when I was younger, I loved watching and really wanted to play," O'Brien said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Goal oriented

Test your knowledge of club lacrosse with this matching quiz

1)	Cage	A)	The circle around the net
2)	Slide	B)	Smaking the stick out of someones hand
3)	Yard sale	C)	The net
4)	Creases	D)	To replace someone in a defensive
5)	Faceoff	E)	Determines what team gets possecion of the ball after the goal

Source: Ethan Castillo and Harrison North

Answers: 1) C. 2) D. 3) B. 4) A. 5) E.

Lax to the max

Holding his lacrosse stick, Dom Smith, sophomore, gets ready to run a play during practice. Club lacrosse practices between two to three times a week. **Photo by Lucy Torres**

Hoops, I did it again

At the Charity Baseketball Game, Michael Sudbury, class of 2007, grabs the ball. Alumni played in this game to support their school and raise money for Alzheimer's awareness. Many students attended the game including Finn Manion, sophomore."It was fun to see all the people who graduated in the past playing together," Manion said. **Photo by Robert Young**

What sport is the most underrated?

"Roller Derby because it's a female dominated sport."
Myanne Zachary, 10

"Track and field because it's not just running."
Teresa Sarofeem, 9

"Debate. Sports aren't just about athleticism, it's about the brain."
Chris Shaver, 10

"Basketball because when many people think about it, it's guys dribbling around a ball the whole time. It's not just that."
Patience Thorbs, 9

Picture this

Getting her photo taken professionally, Toni Linnane, senior, does a jumping pose. "My mom wanted me to do a sport at an early age, so I could exert my energy outside of the house," Linnane said. **Photo provided by Toni Linnane**

Just dance

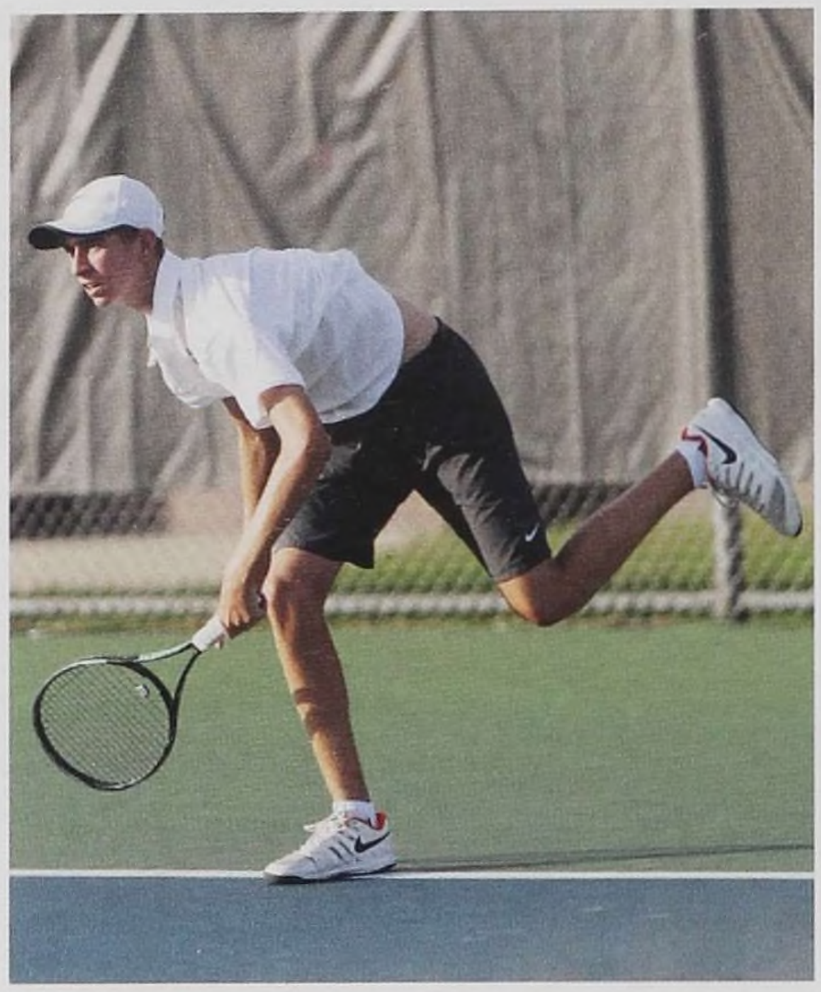
Five things to know about Toni Linnane, senior, and her dancing

1. She's been dancing since the age of four
2. Dances at Visceral Dance Center in Chicago
3. She usually drives or takes the train to dance
4. Dance helps her to forget about the outside world and express herself
5. She mainly dances contemporary and ballet, which is her favorite

Serving up

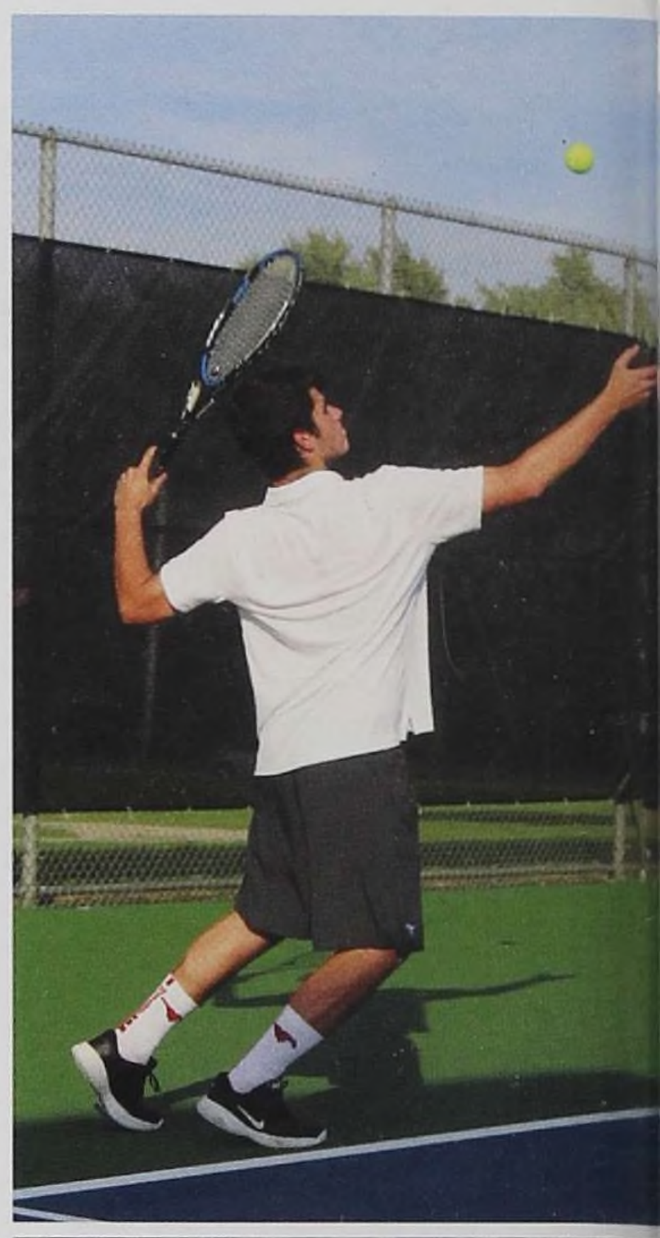
Peyton Specht, junior, talks about his accomplishments

- ☑ Made varsity freshman year
- ☑ Played singles
- ☑ Was named All-State Honorable mention, All-District, and All-Conference
- ☑ Won sectionals as an individual and as a team
- ☑ Named 2nd team All State in Singles, All-District, and All-Conference



Serving up perfection

After hitting a serve, Peyton Specht, junior, gets ready for the return of the ball. "We played Fisher who was ranked above us,"Peyton said, "We beat them and moved above them." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**



Order on the court

Boys tennis reflect on successful season

Story by Riley Ramirez

The Boys' Tennis team had yet another successful season, full of impressive advancement within the team; winning their 39th sectional tournament, along with the regional and semi-state matches. All the long practices outside and inside the courts paid off and in the end, they left the season with a 17-9 record and a new sense of friendship when they left the courts.

"Tennis season is my favorite time of the year. I love being out there with kids my age, and older and younger. I just love the camaraderie," Peyton Specht, junior, said. "From being with each other almost everyday, you become all great friends."

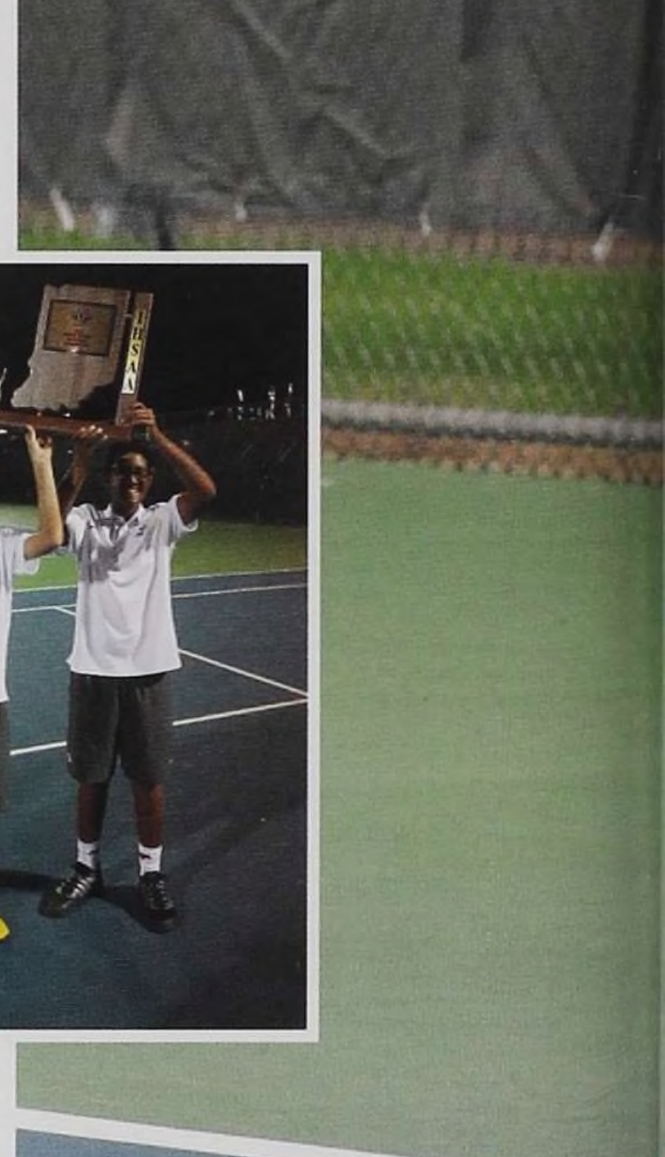
As the line-up of the varsity boys tennis team is becoming stronger every year, Danny Sroka and Nikki Kondamuri, freshmen, both new teammates, take on varsity playing two and three singles.

"The environment this year was very competitive because everyone was pretty close in skill, but I felt that we as a team were very close and we were driven for success," Joe Webster, senior, said.

Following in his sibling's footsteps for success, Danny Sroka, freshman, said, "My sister, Karolina Sroka, is one of my role models. She was on the team for four years and was varsity all four years. She set an example for me on what I should follow, when I started playing."

Through an outstanding number of wins, and a few losses, the boys' tennis team provided a new outlook for what sportsmanship really is. "I saw Peyton Specht and Joe Webster as mentors, they really helped me this year. Especially Joe, he helped me with tough losses," Kondamuri said.

Whether it was giving it their all during practices or becoming closer match after match, the tennis team shows the true meaning of a sports team. Although they fell a bit short at state, they continued to encourage each other through it all.



Getting into the swing of things

Hitting a backhand, Danny Sroka, freshman, focuses on the ball. During practices, he consistently pushes himself to improve. "I want to hurt myself because I gain more. No pain, no gain," Danny said. **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

Grand Slam

After the sectional win, Daniel Sroka and Nikki Kondamuri, freshmen, hold up their well deserved win. "Holding up the sectional trophy was really cool because I used to watch my brother hold up the trophy and now it's me," Kondurami said. "It was nice."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Toss of the ball

Starting a serve, Sami Muhrez, senior, keeps his eye on the ball. Muhrez enjoyed being competitive with his friends. "My favorite part of tennis was the community," Muhrez said. "Were just a group of guys all put together." Photo by Chloe Lambert

Conquering the court

The last match of the season, Charlie Morton, sophomore, excelled in his double match once again."Our doubles performed as usual in our region," Mortain said. "We dominated and came out on top." Photo by Todd McKechnie

Joe Webster
Varsity Co-Captain

"It got me in much better shape. Tennis has exposed me to a lot of independence over the years. It has been a huge self-confidence booster for sure."

Joe Webster, senior

What is your favorite swing?

"My serve because you can hit it the hardest and it is very rewarding when it goes in "
DJ fesko, 12

"My overhead because I like hitting the other team."
Nick Stephan, 10

"My forehand because I like to hit winners and move around the cour with it."
Ryan Muntean, 10

"Volley's because they are really crafty. "
Nikki Kondamuri, 9

"My backhand cross court. "
Sami Muhrez , 12

Senior night

Boys' Tennis says goodbye to seniors

Kings of the court

Talking as partners, Sami Muhrez, and Ben Dodge, seniors, are not only partners but good friends."We started are sophomore season playing doubles together and ended our senior season playing together," Dodge said. "It was a great way to end the season"
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Last match

After senior night, Kathir Venkat, senior, receives his senior blanket. At the end of the season, seniors received blankets."It felt good to reflect the four years that I had on the tennis team and how great they were." Kathir said." I just wanted to thank him for all he did for me."
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Swinging for success

Girls' golf team reflects on their season of victory

Story by Jack Stork

When it comes to playing golf, there are certain basic skills that you need to have to be successful. Grace Gozdecki, senior, has been playing golf for many years, which has allowed her to become familiar with the game in numerous ways. Following the success of the girls golf team this season, this skill proved invaluable.

"We were successful on the course, with our record being 7-3, and we even won conference," Gozdecki said."I felt like everyone had a part in contributing to the success of the team, and it was great to see all the girls on the team taking initiative to get closer with their teammates and help them out however they could."

Other members of the team echoed the sentiments of success.

"If I am being completely honest, I think this was the best season yet," Ananya Sharma, junior, said. "Although I really enjoyed past seasons, I feel like the dynamic between the girls was greater this year. We really grew together on another level, and I feel like we supported each other a lot more."

But this season did more than hold a winning record, it changed how players look at the game as well.

"Because of this season, I've been able to gain a lot of experience. I've learned it's more important to avoid getting down on yourself, which brings down the morale of the team," Gozdecki said. "Positivity really does make a difference and affects everyone else, so when I'm on the course with the other girls, I really try to help keep it as positive an experience as I can."

"This season for me was my favorite because everyone always was so close together," Mirela Jeknic, senior said. "We all worked hard and worked at our weaknesses, but most importantly we were like a support system for one another. If one girl was struggling with some part of her game, we'd be there for her entirely until she got that particular thing perfected for the next round."

Walk it off

Walking off the course after having completed the hole, Hannah Bard and Parkyr Guiton, juniors, push their clubs. They were preparing for an upcoming meet. "Pushing your clubs around all day is hard," Bard said. "It does get easier the more you do it though."

Photo by Chloe Lambert

Right above

On the putting grass, Ashley Burgess, sophomore, practicing her short game. This was before going on the course and playing with her teammates. "I always feel like making a few putts on the course calms the first tee jitters," Burgess said. "And it helps me focus on the game."

Photo by Chloe Lambert

Eyes on the ball

After driving the ball down range, Ananya Sharma, junior, watches it fly across the green. She was preparing for an upcoming meet against Lake Central. "I was trying to clear my head," Sharma said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

On par

Girls' golf and their putting

Dotting the course Standing on the putting green, Emma Gossman, sophomore, watches her ball roll off. She was preparing for a match against Lake Central. "Taking the time to practice basic skills like putting or driving is actually really important," Gossman said.

Capture the flag Taking the flag out of the hole, Grace Gozdecki, senior, goes to knock her ball into the hole. She was preparing for a match against Lake Central. "It's always so nice to complete a hole like that, even if it is just practice," Gozdecki said.

Green on the green Lining up her shot, Hannah Bard, junior, takes a practice swing. She was preparing for an upcoming meet against Lake Central. "I always take that practice shot before I swing," Bard said.

Follow the sun Following a putt, Mirela Jeknic, senior, practices for a second time. She was preparing for a match against Lake Central. "Working on easy skills can cave you later," Jeknic said. **Photos by Chloe Lambert**

Mirela Jeknic
Varsity Captain

"My love for golf grew the better I was playing. I was growing that competitive factor. Freshman year was when it all began but it continued to grow."

Mirela Jeknic, senior

What's your favorite golf hole at Centennial?

"I love the eighth hole. It takes away all of my stress. I am able to focus."

Becky Jones, 11

"Hole eight because it's the hole I got a hole-in-one in"

Ananya Sharma, 11

"Hole five because I usually do pretty well on it."

Parkyr Guiton, 11

"I like hole eight because I almost got a hole in one at our home tournament and it's a short par."

Ashley Burgess, 11

Golf tips

Coach William Smitka shares his six tips for success

1) Play quickly
2) Don't look up
3) Know your stances
4) Keep eyes on the ball
5) Worry about your grip on club
6) Know and trust your teammates

Club Meeting
Before a match against Lake Central, Mr. Smitka, coach, talks to his players.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Race to success

Boys' Cross Country discuss their season success

Story by Lucy Torres

The Boys' Cross Country team performed exceptionally well during their season, redefining their goals making each athlete more determined and successful.

"We made it to Semi-state and we had a solid varsity top seven," Jacob Cipowski, sophomore, said. "The team was determined to do better, because last year we lost at regionals by four and we were upset, which made us work harder to continue our goal of making it to Semi-state."

A prime example of the team's success this season is athlete Max Lindenmayer, sophomore. Lindenmayer performed quite well this season, being the only team member to become a state qualifier.

Lindenmayer worked hard and pursued his goal to state. "I practice all the time to make sure that I can do the best that I can, and all my hard work really paid off this season." Lindenmayer said. "My coaches influenced me heavily to become a better athlete and to love the sport more than I did coming in."

All through the season, Lindenmayer and his fellow teammates worked hand-in-hand in order to excel as a team and earn personal gain.

Gabriel Tienstra, sophomore, said how well he performed this season. Tienstra was new to the team this season and for this being his first year his overall results ended strong.

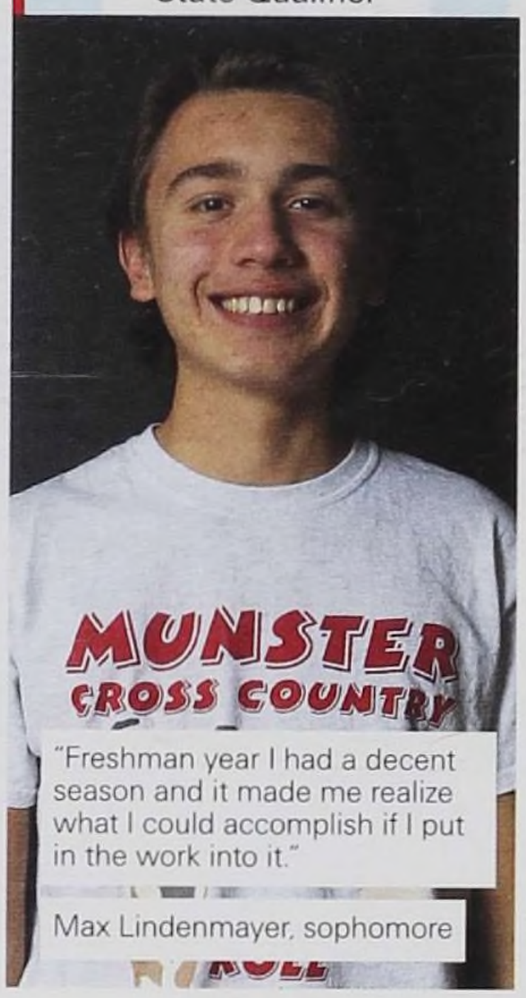
"I felt really nice and confident, because it was my first year running Cross Country for high school and I was ranked pretty high for Munster, so I feel proud of myself," Tienstra said.

Oliver Meraz, senior, said how his role modeling helped improve the team's success this season. Meraz was the only senior this season, which made him more deteremined to help guide the underclassmen to better improve themselves.

"I had to set an example for my team and I had no room for mistakes," Meraz said. "It pushed me to do better, so that my teammates can see for themselves that hard work is the best method to become successful."

Max Lindenmayer

State Qualifier



"Freshman year I had a decent season and it made me realize what I could accomplish if I put in the work into it."

Max Lindenmayer, sophomore

Starting stance Before starting a race at Lowell, Juan Olivencia-Duque, junior, and Oliver Meraz, senior, get into their starting position. Olivencia-Duque had a determined attitude before a race by putting the nervousness behind him. "I was very calm and collected," Olivencia-Duque said. "I have gone through the race several times before and I am mentally prepared." **Photo by Robert Young** **Criss-cross** Before starting practice, Linden Dannis, freshman, does karaokes. Dannis did cross country at his prior school. "It was the best way to get into shape," Dannis said. "I was looking forward to meeting the team and to see what it is like in high school." **Photo by Lana Salahieh** **Go the distance** During the Lowell race, Anthony Young, sophomore, runs ahead opponents. Young knows he has to stick with the opponent runners during a race. "Nothing really goes through my mind when I am running," Young said. "I am just focused in the moment ." **Photo by Robert Young** **Break the ice** Running on the track, Mathew Larrison, junior, warms up for practice. Larrison and his team ran the track to get the muscles ready for the run they will do. "It starts our muscles to wake them up," Larrison said. "I like running in general. I think it is a cool sport." **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

What inspires you to keep running?

"It makes me want to be better than people and overall a competition while I'm improving myself."
Andrew Klaich, 9

"I like challenging myself to get faster and to get a better time."
Will Feeney, 9

"The motivation of the cheers that I get from my peers as I am running down the course."
Ethan Buck, 11

Race against time

Towards the end of a race, Michael Collins, sophomore, pushes through the final mile. Collins loved running with the team and how competitive it gets. "I was really tired," Collins said. "I was trying to close out the race the best that I could." **Photo by Robert Young**

Time's up

Ari Arzumanian, junior, said his best times during his high school career

personal best time
sophomore year
17 minutes and 37 seconds

personal best time
junior year
16 minutes and 58 seconds

Finishing touch

After finishing a race, Ari Arzumanian, junior, checks his time. Arzumanian recieved one of his worst times at Lowell race, which was 17:40 due to a prior foot injury. "It was almost despair," Arzumanian said. "I came into the season really strong, then right after the first two meets, I messed up my foot which took me down a lot." **Photo by Robert Young**

A new -chapter-

A new coach who is here to stay

Story by Zachary Tucker

For the last four years, there had been a new girls' Cross Country coach every year. This Girls' Cross Country season, there was new coach. Mrs. Lisa Oommen, who is the school counselor for last names Sc to Z, began her running career at her high school in the ninth grade.

When she was a student, Coach Oommen ran all four years of high school, and continued to run even after her educational years. Now Coach Oommen runs half marathons and other running events, and she also found herself becoming the new Girls' Cross Country team coach.

She said that it was "challenging at first trying to figure out the team and trying to figure out the number of girls on the team." Yet against all the challenges Coach Oommen built a team by great leadership, a foundation of trust and bonding.

The Girls' Cross Country team was able to do so many things with Coach Oommen, from meets, to conferences, regionals and Semi-state. The Girls' Cross Country team placed 16th place at Semi-state, with team member Hannah Robbins advancing to State.

"I felt that it was a really great season," Coach Oommen said. "And for a first year coach, I am so proud of the girls by going all the way to state."

The path to state

Hannah Robbins, sophomore, makes a name for herself at State

Step One - Practice makes perfect
- Practice for 2 hours, 5 days a week
Step Two - Meets
- Head to meets as a team
Step Three - Conference
- Head to conference as a team
Step Four - Regionals
- Make conference as a team, head to Regionals
Step Five - Semi-State
- Make regionals as a team, head to semi-state
Step Six - State
- Make top ten individuals at Semi-state of non-qualifying teams , head to state

In the woods

Hannah Robbins, sophomore, runs her final minutes of the semi-state girls cross country race, which would qualify a team, or indivial for state. Robbins says "I was hoping that I would make it to state, and how close I was to the finish line," Robbins said.

Photo by Zachary Tucker

Sophie Hand
Girls XC runner

"One of the first times I really realized how much I loved the sport and being a part of the team, was when the girls all became close, and became like a family."

Sophie Hand, senior

And they're off

Lady stangs begin their semi-state race, at New Prairie High School, in New Carlisle, Indiana. One team member, Mary Buck, freshman, described the feeling of running semi-state. "I was excited, and nervous about the goals of myself, and my team," Buck said. **Photo by Zachary Tucker**

First times the charm

First time Girls' Cross runner Mary Buck, freshman runs her first race at the Lake Central High School Regional Meet. She described her first meet as "I wanted to pass all the girls and win for the team," Buck said. **Photo by Zachary Tucker**

A pre-race ritual members of the Girls Cross Country team, huddle before the semi-state race, in an effort to rile up there fellow teammates. Alison Lee, sophomore and team manager, said, "We were hyping each other up, and doing our chants, so that the girls could be encouraged, and know they have our support." **Photo by Zachary Tucker**

Practice makes perfect Teammate Kathryn Hemingway leads members of the Cross Country team in a warm up lap before there full run through Munster. Hemingway said that during practice she was "thinking about how challenging the warm up would be, and what would they be doing afterwards." **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

Being elastic teammates begin to warm up by doing a routine of leg warm ups, and upper body warm ups. Elizabeth Fesko, sophomore, said, "Practices were the best to get to know my fellow teammates, and just talk to them." **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

What motivates you to run?

"Food."
Mary Buck, 9

"The girls motivate me to run! Especially our team captain Alyssa Nahnsen."
Gia Cvitkovich, 9

"Being part of a supportive team which makes running more enjoyable."
Kristen Baurain, 10

"My teammates were definitely a high motivator to run and keep pushing myself"
Sophie Hand, 12

"My teammates"
Amelia Konstantinopoulos, 10

The losses we have faced

Football pulls through despite losses

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Ending the season with 0-10, Football has had many losses, dealing with new coaches, people quitting, and not having enough people try out for the team. During the season, Football was under a microscope where everyone looked at the team.

"I still love football no matter what even though we didn't have a good season it is still always fun." Nick Eng, senior captain, said. "Even my best friends now are from football."

Football was more than just final scores from games. The team was a family and they tried their hardest to work together and improve their dedication to one another.

"We definitely needed more people who wanted to participate in Football. We got better this year with our discipline, and I think we can be a little more physical next year and take our skills to the next level and we will be okay," Coach Jason Grunewald, PE teacher, said.

There are a lot of areas where football could improve. To each of the players, football meant something different.

"Football makes me feel alive because every play is something new, and I play a lot of sports." Noah Poole, junior, said. "Football is the only sport where every play is a new game. As soon as the whistle blows, anything can happen."

Football to the players was home. It was an escape and a way to have fun. It does not matter how many games you win or lose, it matters on how the team can come together and strive. The football team overall has taken many losses but that does not change their dedication and how much work and time was put in.

"It doesn't matter if you're the best team or the worst, you're 500 pounds or 100 pounds. Everyone can do something," Poole said. "You never know what can happen."

Hello Eddie
Tarun Girn, (23), senior, holds Eddie, a shrunken head. The team laughed with Girn as he waved Eddie around. "The guys would get an intersection or fumble and we would wave Eddie around." Noah Poole, junior, said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Why do you play football?

"I like to hit people."
Joey Rogers, 12

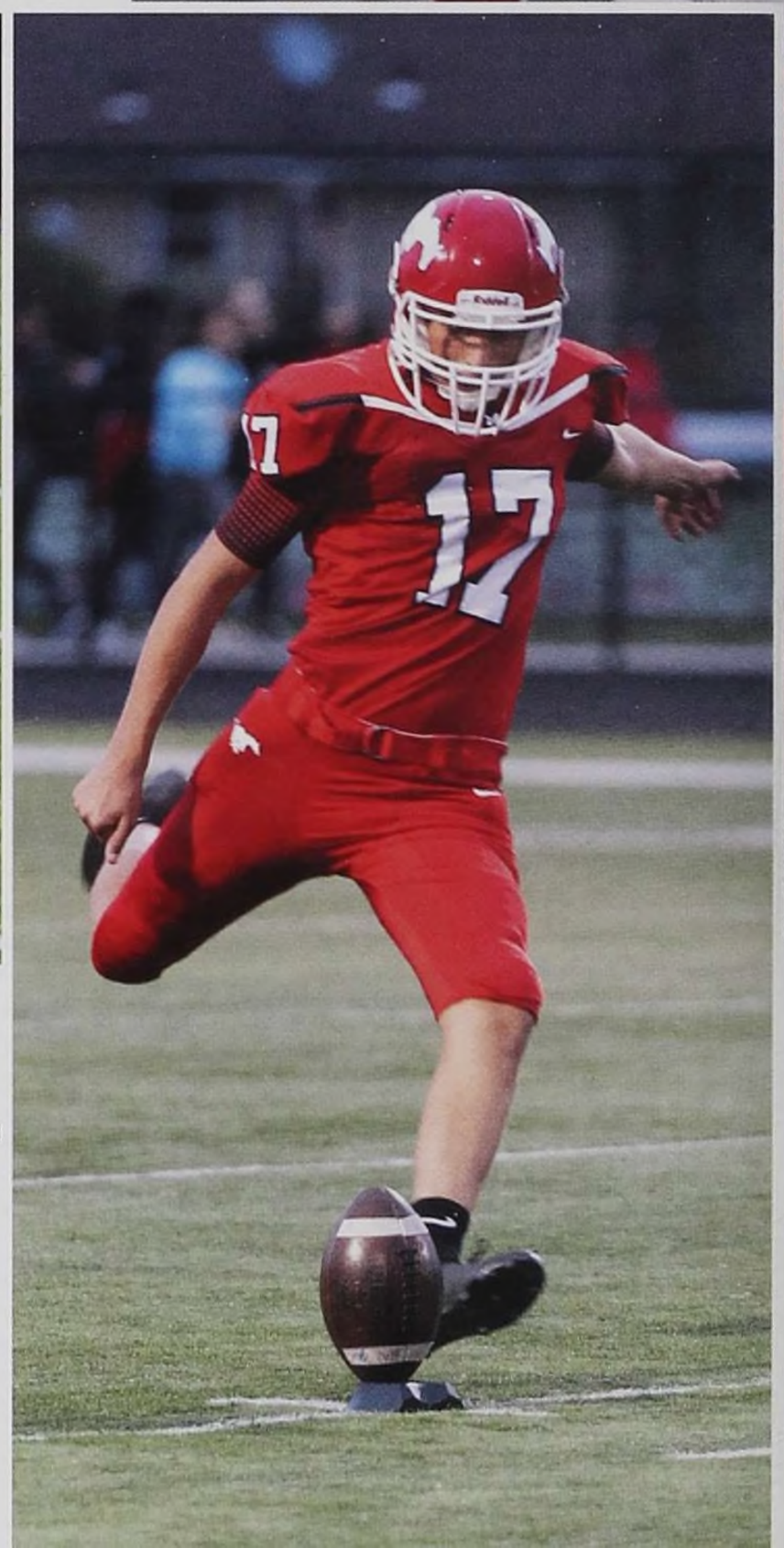
"I love the sport and I'm a adrenaline junkie. Also, it always keeps me thinking."
Zach Del Nagro, 11

"It gives me a type of feeling that I can't explain but I know that nothing else makes me feel that way."
Cameron Perry, 11

"I play because of the brotherhood you form while playing."
Zach Lenaburg, 10

"Being tested by other players and showing how my hard work has paid off."
Ruben Espinosa, 12

Taking it away
At the Highland game, Cesar Castro, (19), junior, is running towards the end zone. Castro was pumped up and ready to go. "I get very excited when I get the ball," Castro said. "I could feel my thoughts float away, and I feel in the zone.." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**



All in

Football players share feelings of brotherhood

"I was really pumped up and happy with our defensive performance. I was tapped in and ready to go in the next play."
Ruben Espinosa, 12

"Finishing out the season with the remaining players enhanced out relationship with one another. This also strengthened our brotherhood and relationship for now and beyond."
Michael Dywan, 12

"It was our second game against Chesterton and they are always a very quality opponent, I was nervous but ready to play with my brothers."
Cole Lesinski, 12

Walking with the brothers
Seniors, Nick Eng, (12), Cole Lesinski, (11), Michael Dywan, (44), and Tarun Girn, (23), are holding hands at football's second game against Chesterton. They are holding hands to show they are there for each other and are ready to play. "Brotherhood is very important to any team game, especially football," Dywan said. "A friendship is simply the most important part of any sport." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Kickin' around Kicker Aleks Maric (17), sophomore, kicks off the game. "I got really nervous hoping that I don't mess up trying to put my team in a good position to succeed in the game". Maric said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Inspiration Coach Brian Vance, defense coach and art teacher at WWMS, talks to the players during halftime at home against Lowell. "He inspired us to do better and believe in each other despite being down at the half," Ruben Espinosa, senior, said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Shouting out loud
Christian Carter, (31), senior, in the moment after running into a Highland quarterback. "I was feeling this and when I hit the quarterback, I had to let it out." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Cole Lesinski
Varsity Co-Captain

"When I started playing my first year of Pop Warner (youth Football) in 4th grade, it was my fourth or fifth game and we won a winning field goal. Being able to enjoy that moment with my best friends was the moment I realized I truly loved Football.

Cole Lesinski, senior

Laila Wallace

Varsity Co-Captain

"In 7th grade I played Basketball and Volleyball. When Basketball season came around I was bummed out because I missed playing."

Laila Wallace, senior

What is your jersey number and why?

"Picked 14 because my older sister's number was 15 and my sister's was 4 so I chose one in between"

Sydney Foster, 12

"11 because I was born on Feb. 11."

Hazel Wolf, 12

"5 because it's my lucky number."

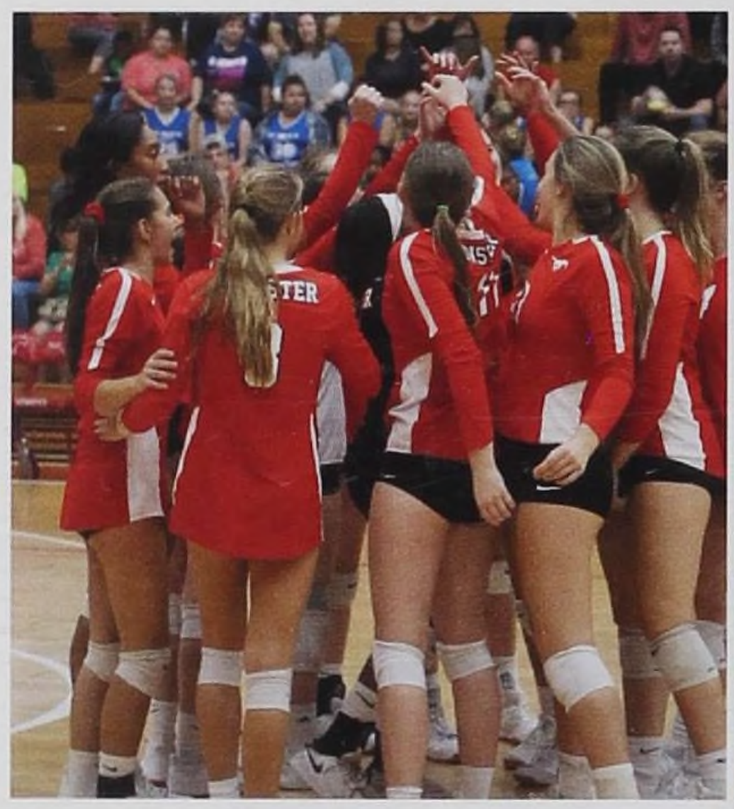
Sarah Morton, 10

"9 because it's my birth month."

Sophia Farias 11

"I've been 13 since playing in club and I finally got it my last two years for high school"

Lulu Torres, 11



All together now

Putting their hands in the middle, Maddy Andrzejewski (1), junior, Emma Miles (8), sophomore, Hazel Wolf (11), senior, and the rest of the team cheer each other on time out. After each time out, the team gathers together in the center to stay motivated for the rest of the game. "Being together really helps our team stay focused," Andrzejewski said.

Photo by Robert Young

Center court

Guarding the net, Holly Kaim (10), junior, and Hannah Foster (4), senior, block an oncoming ball. This play was different for Kaim because Foster is not usually at the net, but rather in the back row. "My goal was to get up and make it difficult for the hitter," Kaim said.

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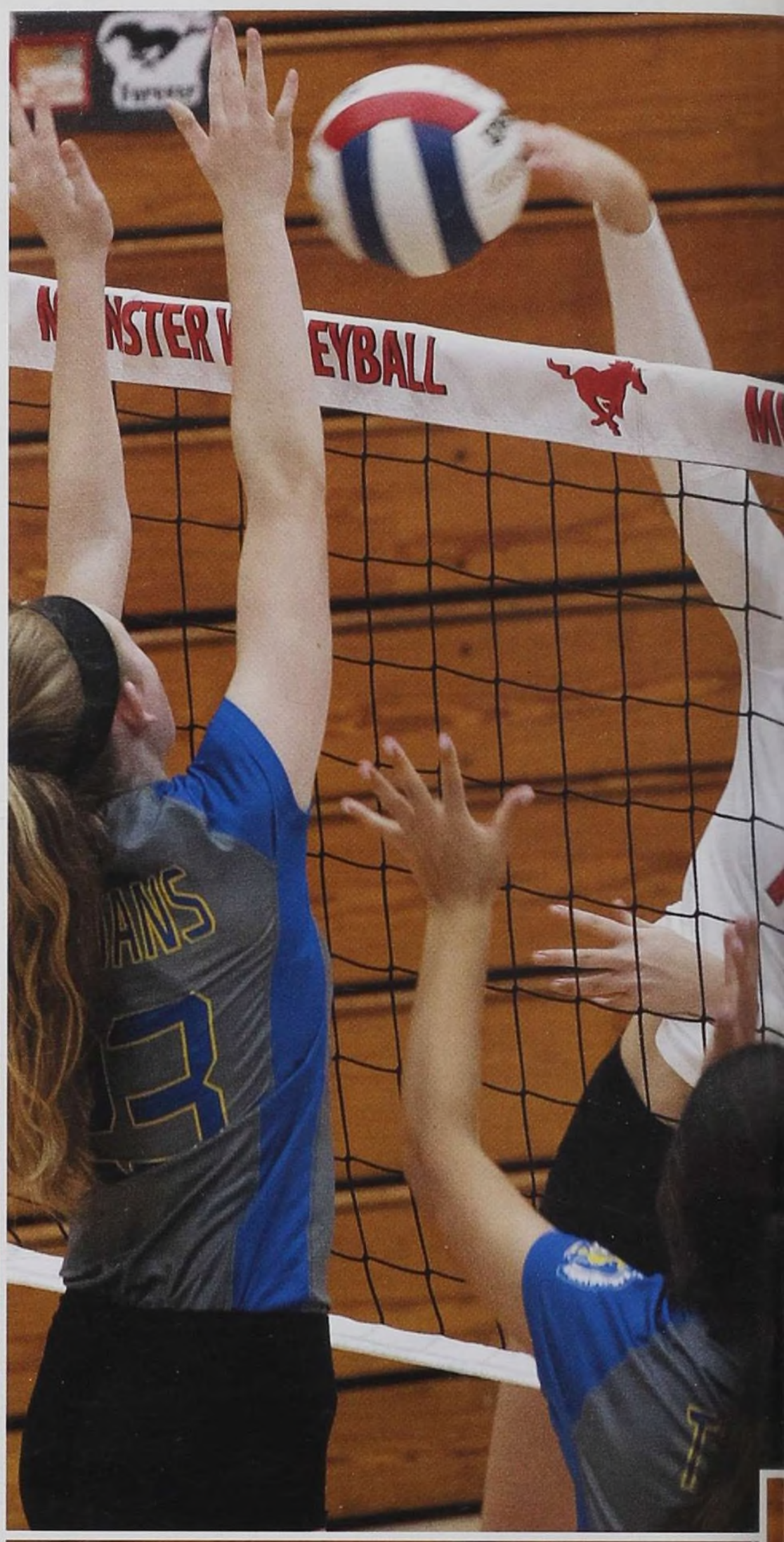


On court

Sydney Foster, senior, explains misconceptions about Volleyball

Fiction:

Volleyball players need to be tall.

Fact:

"You can play back row if you have no height and setters don't need the height either. It is more about your strength and agility than your height."

Fiction:

Volleyball is easy.

Fact:

"Volleyball is not easy. It requires a lot of strategy and skill that takes a long time to acquire."

Keep your eyes on the prize

Volleyball discusses practices and senior contribution

Story by Mia Terek

Practicing almost every day of the week for about two hours, Volleyball players spent a lot of time working on their skills. Their long hours on the court ultimately paid off. The girls ended the season with a record of 27-8.

"We all worked super hard up until the very last practice," Lulu Torres, junior, said.

The girls ended up winning all of their sectional games and moving on to regionals.

"All of the girls thought that this season was going to be hard, but as a team we really wanted to fight for it because we thought we had a chance this year," Torres said.

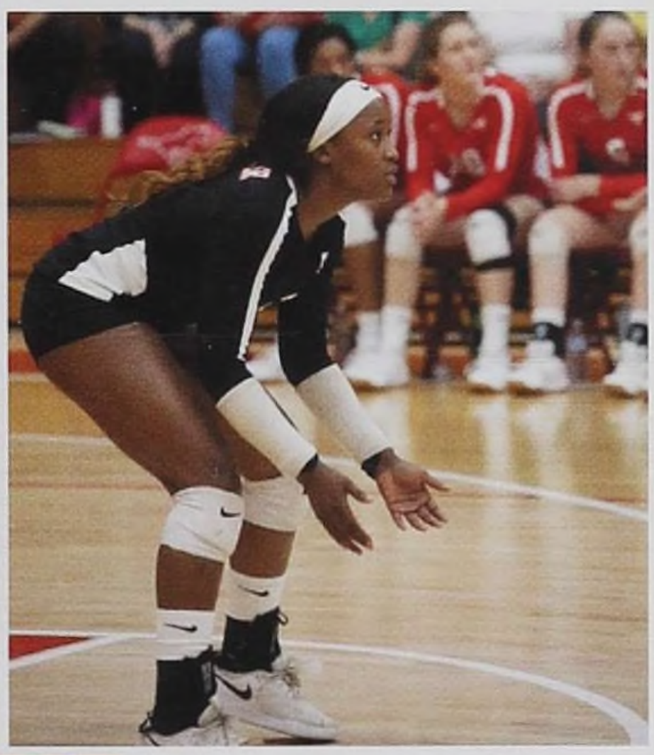
The team's overall success was influenced by their seniors.

"This year's seniors really impacted the team," Lulu said. "Our quote for the season was 'For the culture.' It was based on building a better culture for our program, and I think that this year's seniors accomplished that through teamwork and dedication."

For Hazel Wolf, her senior year was one to remember.

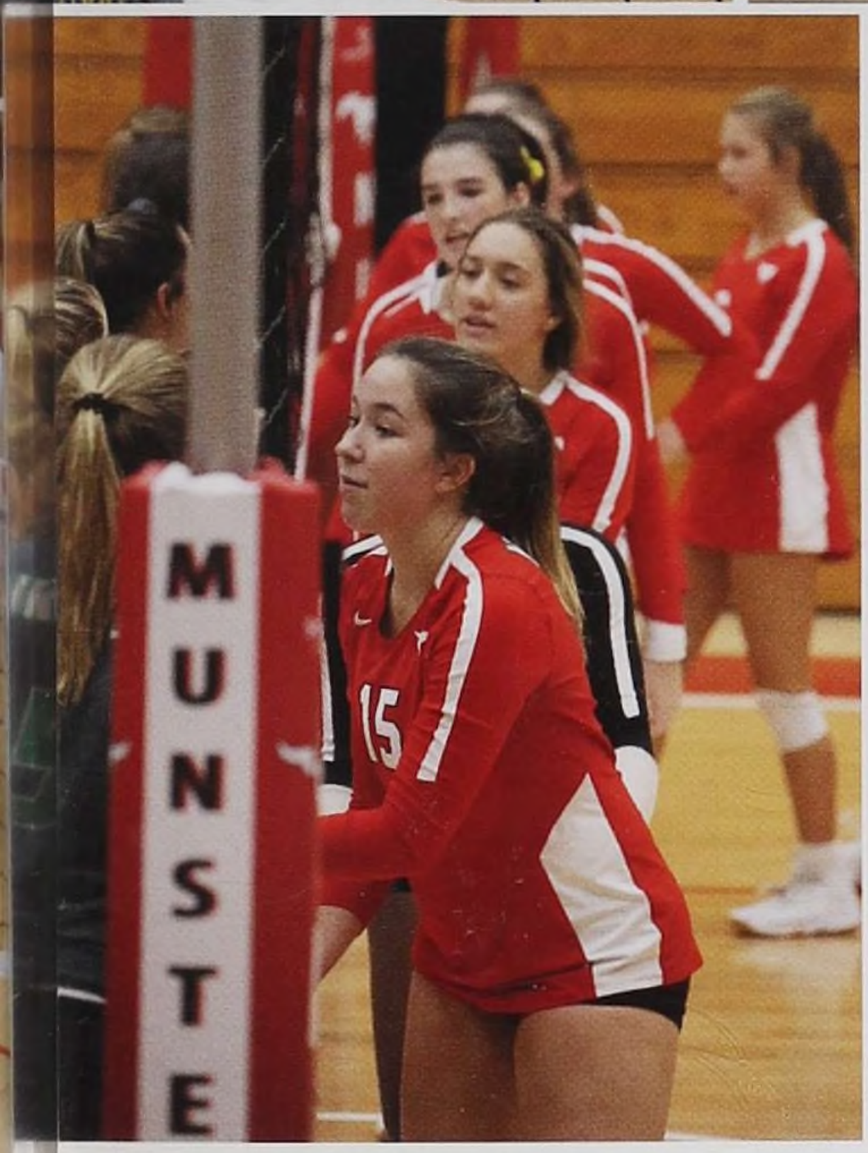
"Senior year was different than the others because every step was my last and I wanted to appreciate every moment," Wolf said.

Power move
Running a slide play, Emily Banaszek (12), junior, spikes the ball. Spiking is one of the most powerful plays in a volleyball game. "I was thinking about making smart decisions and how I should place the ball in a way to score," Banaszek said. **Photo by Robert Young**



Back row business
Getting ready to serve-recieve, Imani Kemp (2), senior, concentrates. The back row typically received the oncoming serve. "I was thinking about having a perfect platform to pass the ball" Kemp said. **Photos by Robert Young**

Good company
High-fiving Valparaso's team after a match, Lilly Lemke (15), senior, Lulu Torres (13), junior, Haley Melby (7), sophomore, show good sportsmanship. Munster won against Valparaiso."I was happy with the way our girls played and I was proud of the game we played," Lemke said. **Photos by Robert Young**



Bittersweet

Juniors talks about the senior banquet

Speech season
Taking during senior night, Sophia Farias (9), junior, gives Hannah Foster (4), senior, her senior speech. Every year at the senior banquet, members write and give speeches to a senior that they were close to. "I felt really nervous for some reason and I was trying not to cry," Farias said. **Photo by Robert Young**

"The senior banquet was really fun but emotional. We wrote the seniors we were closest to a letter and there were mixed emotions knowing that this was the end of the last season with the seniors."

Sophia Farias, 11

"Senior night always kind of reminds you that they are moving on, and when you have such a great group it can be tough to acept that they will thrive in whatever they do in the future"

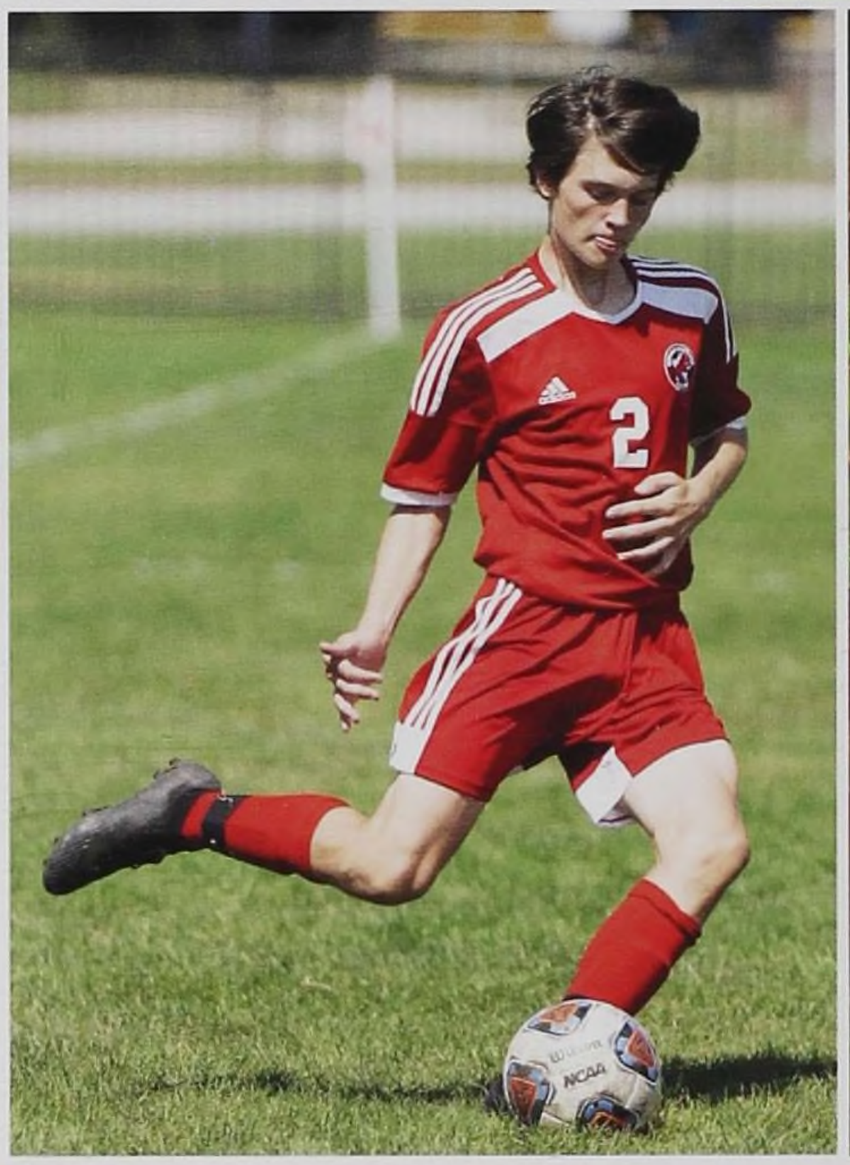
Holly Kaim, 11

Dribbling away

Practicing dribbles before the game, Gianluca Scalzo, sophomore, passes the soccer ball to his teammate. "I was warming up getting prepared for the game," Scalzo (4) said, "I was feeling good and ready to play."
Photo by Robert Young

Sweeper

Kicking the ball down the field, Myles Lockett Peterson (9) , senior, makes his first goal of senior year. Photo by Robert Young



Win it On the soccer field, Gavin Kinsella (2), junior, goes to kick the ball from the opposing team. "I was taking the ball down the line," Kinsella said, "And crossing it in the box to give my teammates a chance to win."Photo by Todd McKechnie **Front and center** Munster soccer team cheers on from the sideline. Sam Latinovich, junior, who lead the praises front and center. "When I'm on the soccer field, I felt relieved," Sam said, "I feel like all I have to do is focus on the game and nothing else." Photo by Robert Young **Scream and shout** On senior night, Marco Amatulli (10), senior, cheers on his teammates as they run down the field. Photo by Robert Young

Pregame song

Soccer players discuss their pregame song

"I generally listen to Ariana Grande before games. I usually go with NASA by her. All her songs pump me up and I can just put it on shuffle."

- Max Arnold, senior

Photo Provided by Max Arnold

"I'd have to go with 'Till I Collapse by Eminem. It usually really gets me in the moment and gets me hyped up."

- Gianluca Scalzo, sophomore

Photo Provided by Gianluca Scalzo

Kicking it home

Boys' Soccer were on the road to sectionals

Story by Summer Gill

For Boys' Soccer, the road to sectionals was exciting but terrifying. However, it was not just about getting to sectionals. It was about the journey and the memories as well.

"My favorite memory was the game against Highland at conference," Roman Garcia, senior, said. "There were many highlights from that game. Some were my goal-line save and Ethan Orange's game-winning goal during overtime."

Nevertheless, the journey shortened and sectional approached, emotions started to spiral on and off the soccer field.

"Playing in the sectionals games this year was intense and there was a lot of pressure—mainly because I didn't want to make any mistakes." Vitaliy Prots, senior, said.

But the journey was not long. The team lost their first sectional game to Morton 0-2, who they competed with last year during finals.

"We wanted it so bad, and we just happened to come up short. But the effort the whole team put in the game was better than any game or anything that has happened in the past." Myles Lockett Peterson, senior, said.

However, the loss was no normal loss. It was a loss at home 0-2. This, however, did not stop the team from banding together.

"It was a very close game, as the boys finished with a season record of 9-4-3." PJ Katona, senior, said. "Not winning in front of our home crowd crushed my heart, but I will never forget this team, and I was so grateful to have had the opportunity to play soccer at Munster for four years."

Kickin' it
Getting ready to kick, Nolan DiCarlo (46), senior, gets the ball from Bishop Noll. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

From above
Throwing the ball from out of bounce, Ethan Orange (17), junior, jumps to see who was open. He prepared to give one of his open teammates the ball. "I was trying to provide a quick restart for my team." Orange said.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Who made soccer special to you?

"My father, he's coached me since I was four. Without him be the player I am today."
Kyle Kaufmann, 12

"Roman Garcia. He's been my best teammate for a long time. We both show great emotion towards soccer."
Tyler Krucina, 12

"My team because we were always messing around and joking around with each other."
Eric Harvath, 11

"My teammates. I love those guys, they're great friends and influences."
Adrian Christian, 11

"The amazing people around me especially including Coach Prasopoulous."
Aleks Maric, 10

Tim Giannini
Varsity Co-Captain

"It's a big passion for me. I love the game and I love playing. Even though my high school career is over I'm going to continue to play in college."

Tim Giannini, senior

Pathway to sectionals

Girls' soccer talk about how they felt winning sectionals

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Girls' Soccer had a goal to be on top during their season this year from winning their conference championship to kicking sectionals out the door.

"Personally, winning sectionals was an amazing feeling and it felt good to get our sectional title back after losing it last year." Marisa Paredes, junior, said.

Winning sectionals was also a very proud moment for girls' soccer.

They have shown their dedication with all of the hard work and practice that was put in, winning was earned.

"The hardest part was pushing through the overtime," Jordan Duff, junior, said. "Everyone was so tired but had to keep fighting because losing was not an option in post-season."

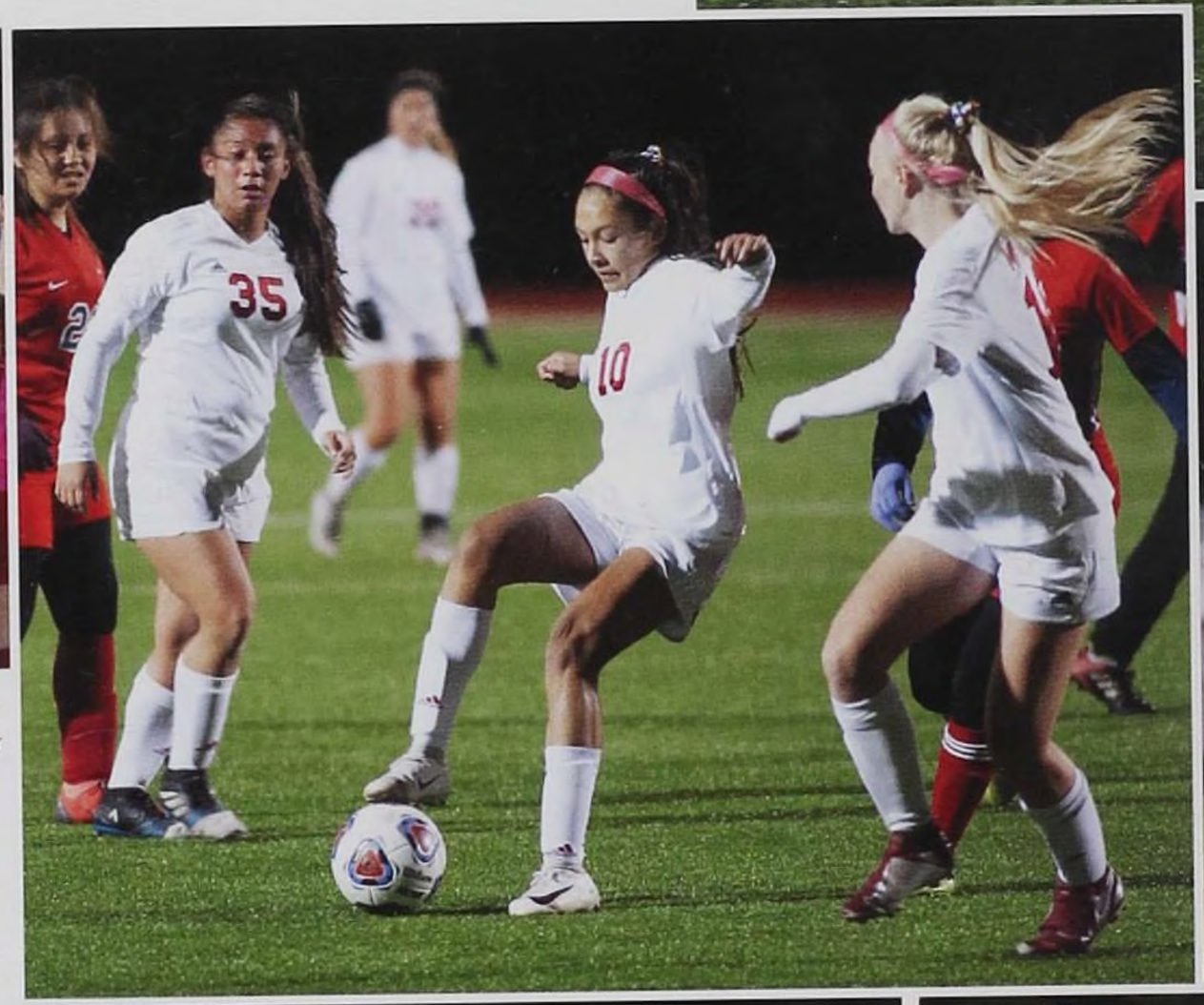
The whole team has worked hard to get the job done with preparing their minds and bodies to play hard and give it their all, while working together as a team.

"My definition of teamwork is everyone giving it their all and never giving up." Selma Srour, junior, said. Being in a team is about working together. Reaching your goals together and looking out for one another.

"Teamwork is everyone on the team no matter what your role is working together to achieve the goal." Duff said. "Whether you sit the bench or play eighty minutes you all have to work together."

Down the line
While playing Highland in a sectional game, Anna Castillo, freshman, zoned in on making her way to the goal. Castillo, always wanted to do the best for her team."I wanted to create an opportunity to score," Castillo (9) said.
Photo by Genevieve Mrvan

The ritual Before a competitive game against Crown Point, Emma Herring, junior, is ready for her team to take it to goal. Every game is started by their pre-game ritual ."We go in the middle of the field, and hype each other up," Herring said. "We go into every game with a positive attitude and every intention to win." Photo by Robert Young



Ball first Full force to win, Bianca Villarreal, freshman, dashes to get on top of the ball. She moved swiftly to make a play. "I thought, get to the ball first and try my hardest to give it my all," Villarreal (10) said. "I don't want to disappoint my teammates and coaches. They are my second family." Photo by Todd McKechnie

Eye on goal taking in all of her surroundings, Ana Gaither, senior, strives to win. She searched for an upstanding play. "The main thing I try to do is my best, and making a positive impact on the game," Gaither (21) said. "Whether its where the ball is on the field, where other players are, or what my teammates and coaches are telling me are constantly running through my mind." Photo by Todd McKechnie

A ready stance
Standing tall, Harper Swope, junior, gets ready take a throw in. Swope (37) was thinking about her next move. "I was waiting for Kayla Ziel to make her run," Swope said. "So I could get her the ball." Photo by Robert Young

What empowers you to play soccer?

"The competitiveness, because it allows me to play in order to truly see that hard work does pay off."
Avery Mcknight, 11

"The atmosphere and being able to play with and meet so many people."
Anna Castillo, 9

"I play because I want to inspire other little girls like my little sister."
Juli Nelson, 12

"After watching my sister play when I was little, it just made me want to be as good as her ."
Kayla Ziel, 11

"The aggressive energy it brings"
Abi Steffen, 11

Standing together
Before the game, Maureen Van Matre, junior, leads the team to start the game. It was the last conference game and girls soccer won to secure their conference title. "I was excited for our last conference game," Van Matre said. "I knew that we would all have to work together to pull off this win." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Stephanie Cipowski-Smith
Varsity Co-Captain

"I started playing soccer at seven. After my first practice, I realized that I loved every aspect of this sport and never wanted to stop playing. I love the freedom of the game and laying against opponents. I love the contact and intensity that comes along with the sport as well."

Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, senior

Initial moments

Selma Srour talks about a big goal she made at the Conference Championships

Selma Srour, junior, made a big goal at the Girls Soccer Conference Championships. They won the game 3-2. In Selma's soccer career this moment was very exciting for her.

"I had seen the ball bouncing knowing the ball would go really high, so I went for it and got us a goal." Srour said.

Pushing boundaries
At a Lake Central game, Selma Srour, junior, pushes the competition out of the way. Srour likes that she can help her team win a game whenever she can. "I feel determined to play and work when play," Srour said. "I love the sport so much I always push myself to do better." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Jumping into JV

Parkyr Guiton and Ana Dimopoulos on their JV golf journey

Story by Summer Gill

Both Parkyr Guiton, junior, and Ana Dimopoulos, sophomore, are members of JV Girls' Golf. Being on the JV Girls' Golf team is a major part of both of their lives at Munster High School. Before coming to Munster, golf was already a huge part of their lives.

"I played for six years when I was younger. My sister and I joined, we did everything together, but she later quit. Then I did." Guiton said. "Later I rejoined because my dad would go out and play golf by himself and it made me sad. So, I decided to give it another chance for him because he enjoyed seeing me play golf." Guiton said.

However, being on JV Girls' Golf is not only about the skills you have, but the attitude you have on and off the course.

"I give my teammates support when they are competing for high level conferences, and offer help when someone isn't sure what to do." Ana Dimopoulos, sophomore, said.

But besides having a great golf swing, Guiton has great inspirations in her life and on the golf course.

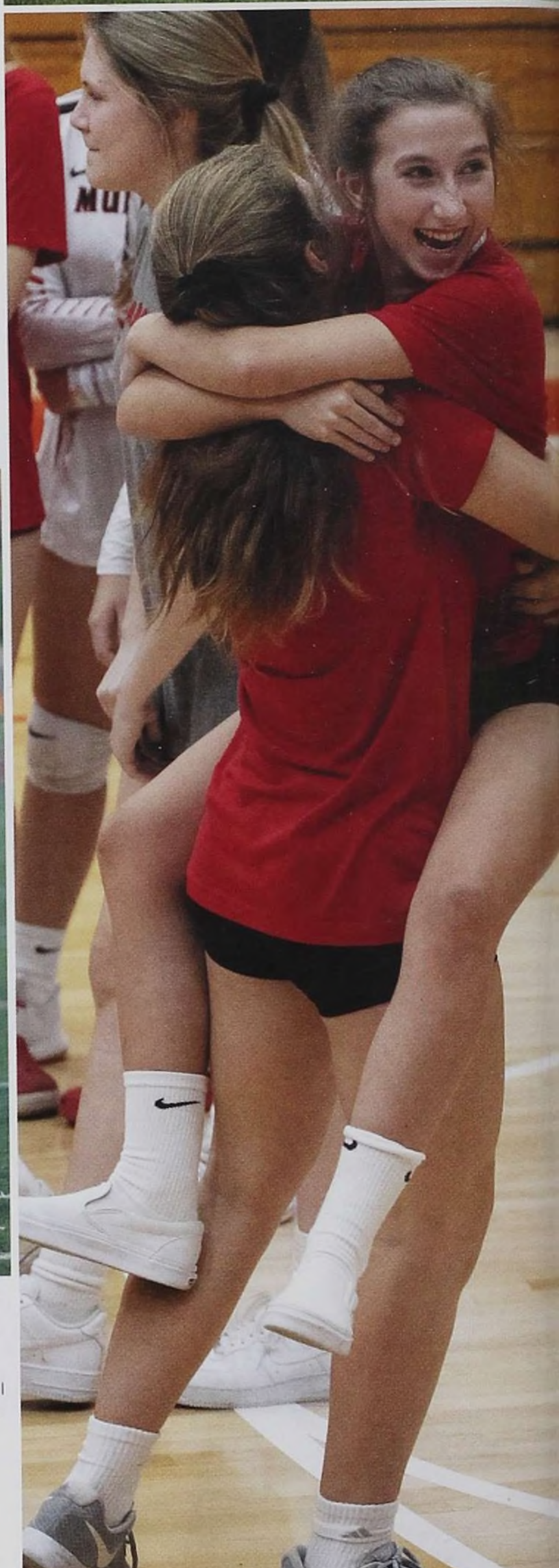
"My dad's dedication to my golf game inspires me to make sure his hard work and money doesn't go to waste." Guiton said.

Along with, Guiton's dad that inspired her; it is also her teammates and friends that inspired her as well.

"Our team captain, Mirela Jeknic, senior, always gives motivational speeches that inspire me. However, Hannah Bard, junior, one of my best friends, motivates me the most because she's never given up on trying to help me improve and be the best me I can be, and without her, I truly believe I wouldn't be the golfer I am today." Guiton said.

Jumping for joy

Freshman volleyball player Isabella Boleski, freshman, jump into the arms of Charlize Lorenz at the volleyballs senior night saying "I was so happy for our fellow seniors." **Photo by Robert Young**



Emma Miles
Volleyball JV Captain

"I started volleyball when I was eight, because I was inspired by my older sister who played volleyball also. Volleyball defines me by making me who I am."

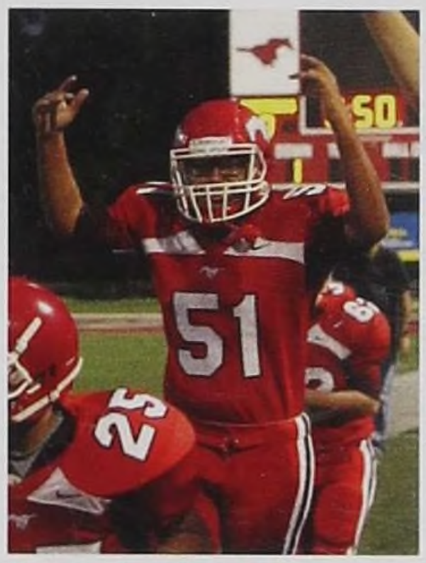
Emma Miles, sophomore

Focused on the win

Lauren Robinson,(17), freshman, focuses on winning a home soccer game, "No matter what, me, or the team, we gotta stay focused so that we win the game." Robinsons said **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Off and running

JV boys Cross Country runner Andrew Klaich, freshman, begins to run his final few feet until the finish line. Klaich said "It was the last strides until the end, and I wanted to get done, and I wanted to get done to eat snacks." **Photo by Robert Young**



A winning touch
Here the freshman football team celebrates make a touchdown, and winning an at home football game. Kabeer Mirjat (51), freshman, said "We had just made a touchdown and had won the game. I love winning at home, and same with my teammates, so we all celebrated."
Photo by Charlie Hofferth

Making a change

JV footballs stance on Varsity Football losing multiple members

"I think that they worked hard in everything they did, because they had to deal with losing multiple members half way through the season and they persevered through it. They gave all of their efforts and I look forward to being on Varsity next year."

Clayton Sinwelski, 10

"Everybody that 'survived the snap' midway through the season and pushed through till the end of it created an amazing bond. We left all of the adversity, all of the talk, and all of the hate behind us and as a family we poured our all out on that field every week."

Junaid Siddiqui, 10

A challenge accepted Lady 'stang runner Sydney Frantal, freshman, runs her first race on the girls' cross country team, at a Lake Central meet. "I was very nervous, because it was my first race. I was not focused on my time, yet maintaining my speed, because it was very hot outside." Frantal said. **Photo by Zachary Tucker** **Swinging into action** Munster boys tennis player Nikash Kondamuri begins to take a swing at a practice. **Photo by Lana Salahieh** **A kickin' start** defensive kick by Alexander Panos (40), freshman, at a home match. "When you score, or even win a game, there is no feeling like it, and the feeling cant be described in words" Panos said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

How does it feel to be on JV?

"It's very exciting to be able to play your favorite sport with your best friends"
Lauren Robinson, 9

"Its very exciting to play on JV soccer because you get really close with everyone."
Lillie Bednarowski, 9

"It's been fun and has helped me excel to new levels."
Louis Wolf, 10

"It was a great experience to be able to play for JV."
Bobby Guy, 10

"It feels great to be on JV"
Lauren Wallace, 9

"It feels great to be on JV and to know that I'm a part of a team and cheer on varsity."
Aleksandar Covic, 10

"Being on a team like this one was one of the best teams I've ever been on"
Isabella Biegel, 9

"Being on JV allowed me to have many fun memories."
Amy Savickis, 10

"It gives have given me more room to improve"
Ryan Hughes, 10

"I feel that the JV team are not always the most organized "
Damian Perkins, 10

Teamwork

JV making great seasons

JV Football
Record overall score: 2-6

Dillon Murray, freshman
Photo by Charlie Hofferth

JV Boys' Cross
Munster JV for boys cross competed in many meets and many practices Charles Vicari a runner on Boys' Cross Country said in a quote "Fall JV has shown me that I am not the best runner, and that I need to improve." Vicari said.

Charles Vicari, freshman
Photo by Robert Young

JV Girls' Soccer
Record overall score: 5-6

Haneen Srour, freshman
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Team players

The number of players on our JV teams

Freshman Boys' Basketball - 18 members

Freshman Girls' Basketball - 10 members

Freshman on Wrestling - 8

Boys' Swim - 11 members

Girls' Swim - 9 members

Boys' Basketball - 15 members

Girls' Basketball - 10 members

Cheer - 12 members

Dance - 10 members

Cheering on
Cheerleaders are known for their rallying during football and basketball games. Ashlynn Burris, freshman, did a cheer pose during a game. "I was cheering during a game, and having fun doing it." **Photo by Angela Ortega**

What has your sport taught you?

"Basketball has taught me that their is no I in team."
Laila Mosley, 10

"Mentality is the most powerful tool in sports, and it can make or break you."
Peter Moreno, 10

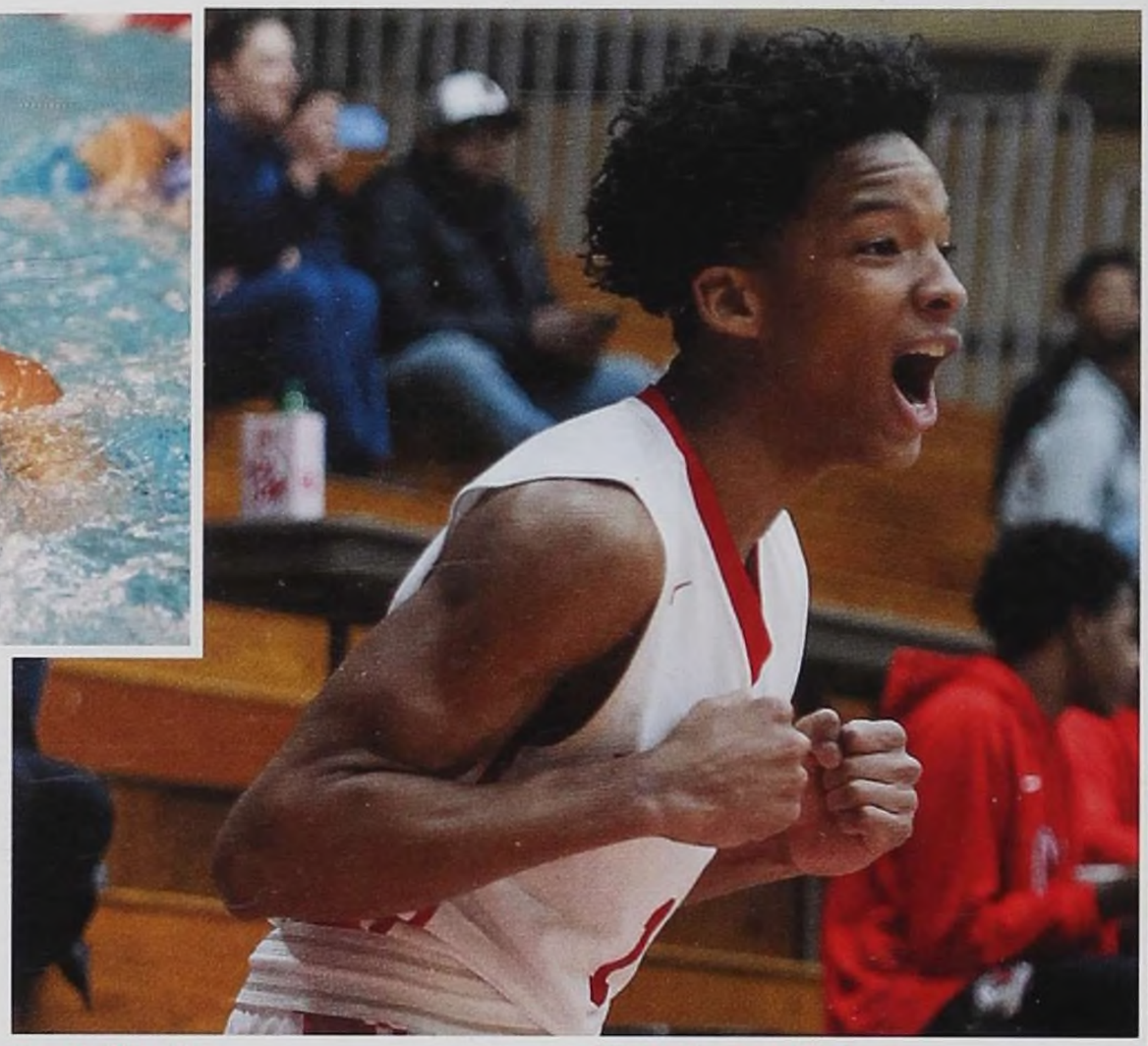
"JV has taught me how to work as a team."
Amaya Dandridge, 10

"Dance has taught me leadership skills, it also taught me what family means."
Alexis Lepir, 10

"Cheerleading has taught me to work together, and just push through difficult times."
Estella Ozment, 9

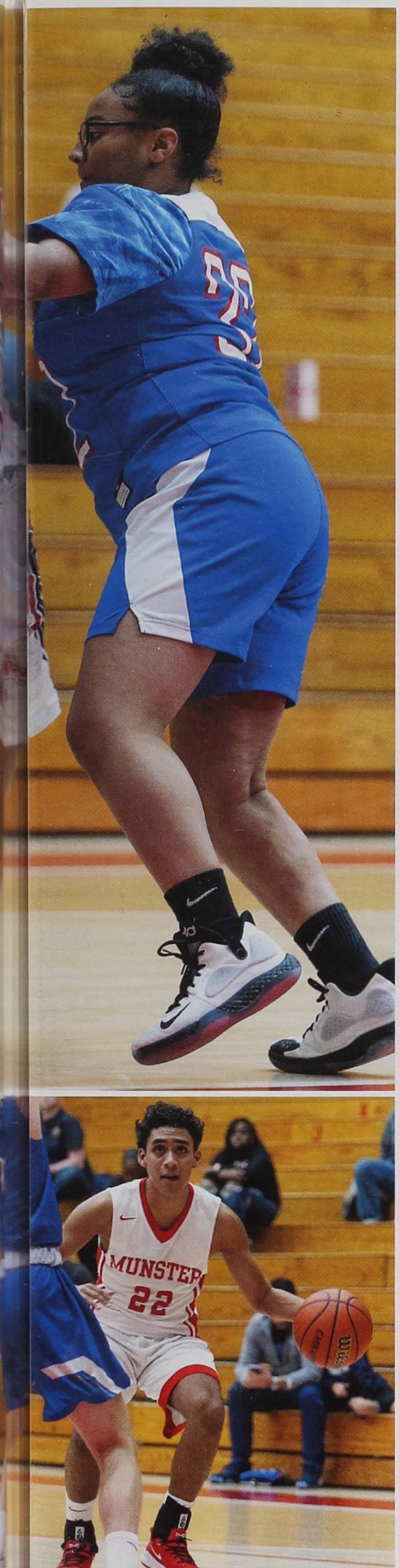
"My sport has taught me to enjoy the little things and how close I am with my team"
Alayana Blasko, 10

Swimmers goal During Boys' Swim practice Noah Villarreal, freshman, practices his breaststroke. "Everyday I would practice hard to do better the next day, so that I could improve in swim," Villarreal said. **Photo by Robert Young** **Celebrating wins** Cheering on the Boys' Varsity team, Jonathan Bryson-Harvey celebrates a deserved point scored by his fellow JV teammate. "I was cheering on my teammates after they had scored a point." Bryson-Harvey said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Squaring up** Freshman on wrestling Alexander Borroen warms up before a match. "When I prepared for a wrestling match, my warm up it usually gets all my nerves out." For this season, the wrestling team did not have enough members to create a JV team. **Photo by Alyssa Lebron**



Down the Line
During a JV Boys' Basketball home game, Omar Jackson makes moves to gain a point for Munster. "I did a double hesitation to the left, and I faked looking up so I could get the defender off balance, so I could have a driving line to the left." Jackson said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Close to perfection
Girls' Swim JV member Safia Shad, junior, performs a freestyle stroke during practice. With such long practices and meets, Shad found ways to cope with the exhaustion. "When I was tired during practice, which was is normal, I thought about going home," Shad said. **Photo by Lana Salahieh**



Striving for greatness

Story by Riley Ramirez

Boys' and Girls' success in the JV basketball program

The JV Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams faced many highs and lows, but in the end, they showed what it truly meant to be a team: to face challenges with each other. Practicing many long hours with one another allowed the program to create a strong friendship, and invincible bond with bonds.

"The team was like a brotherhood," Eddie Minifield, sophomore, said. "Everyone looked out for each other and had the others' backs. Knowing you can trust someone off the court translates extremely well to trusting them on the court."

The teams strived to perform as well as possible, making the atmosphere competitive yet exciting. Their goal was to play the best they could and win.

"The team was competitive," Omar Jackson, sophomore, said. "Everything was a competition with us and we pushed everybody to be the best version of themselves."

The boys had a good run, ending with a record. As the team improved, members also saw growth within themselves.

"We won a lot of games and improved friendships with each other," Jackson said. "I felt we gave it all we had with the knowledge and skills we possessed."

The JV Girls' team ended with a 15-21 record. The girls looked out for one another the entire season by always working as a team. The team wanted each other to improve so they could become stronger as a whole.

"The team had very good vibes all around being supportive and positive," Laila Mosley, sophomore, said. "We pushed each other during practice to become better, and when we got down on ourselves at practice or games we picked each others heads up." Throughout the season, both Boys' JV and Girls' JV Basketball worked tiredlessly at practice, and played harder on the court.

Defensive tactics

Girls' basketball player Laila Mosley, sophomore, makes an aggresive move against a South Bend opponent during a home game."The opposing was playing hard defense against me, so I decided to do a hard cross-over back-over to get around her," Mosley said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Emmaline Miller

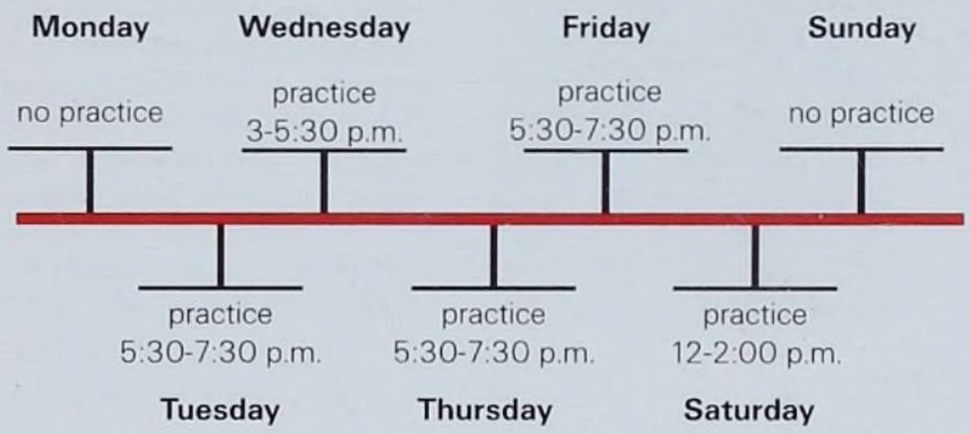
JV Dance Captain

"Dance taught me to be disciplined and hardworking, because of how much of a commitment it was, due to the long season. I gained leadership skills and how to help others due to being the captain."

Emmaline Miller, sophomore

A week of JV

A week of JV dancers practice schedule



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Just getting started

Dancers talk about their preparation for Nationals

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Students may think of the dance team as being on the football field at halftime or on the court during basketball games, but the dance team was preparing for competition season up until March, when they went to Orlando for Nationals. At Nationals, the dance team finaled in Medium Varsity Pom and placed fifth in Medium Varsity Jazz.

"Preparing for Nationals was tough since we ran dances a lot more as our season came to a close," Kailyn Oganovich, junior, said.

Practice had become hectic with the girls practicing around five to six days a week. Dance started out with a 30 minute stretch then went into a long strenuous practice.

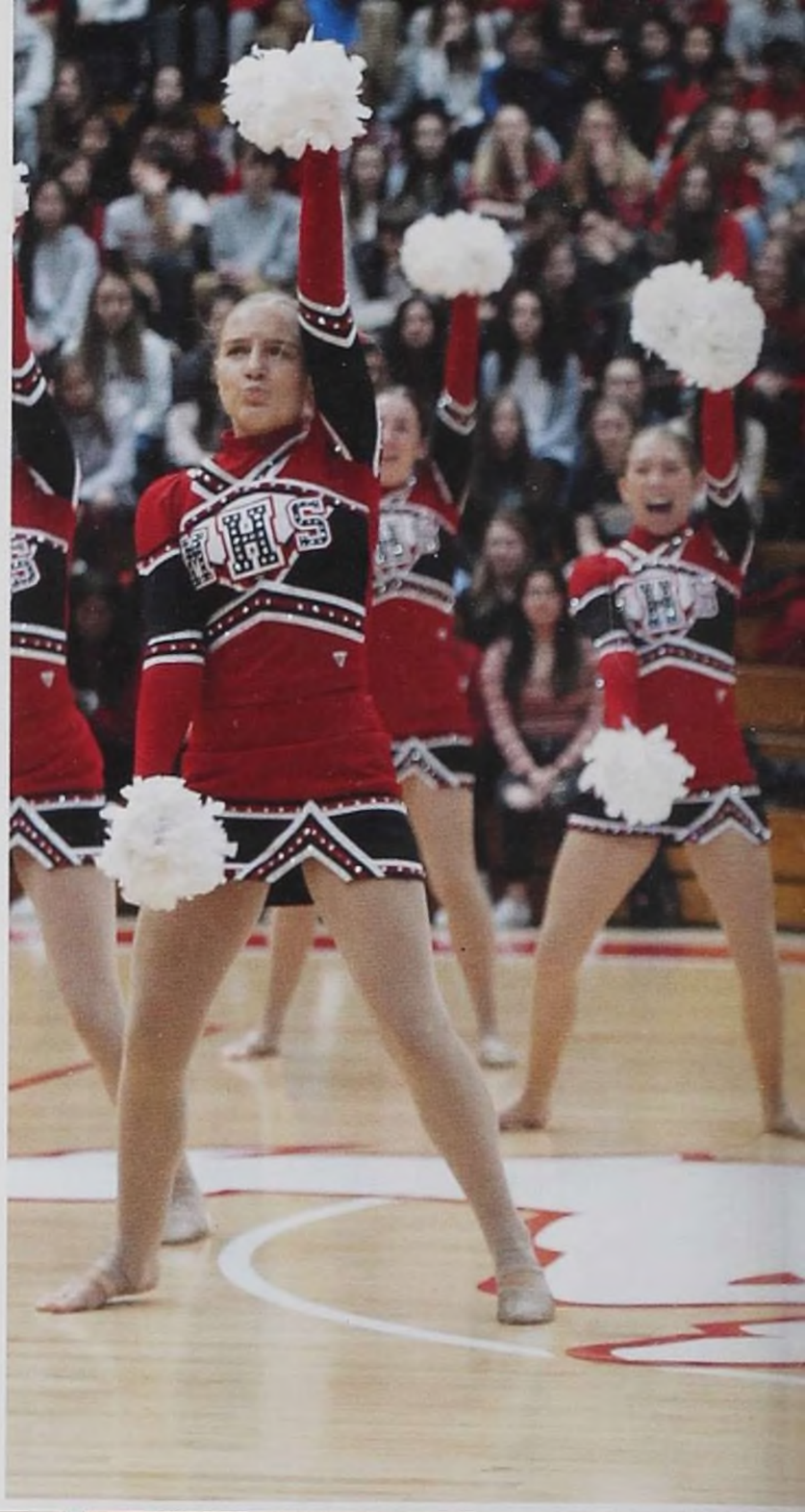
"Since this was my first year on varsity, I was a little nervous but I knew I wouldn't let it affect my performance," Abby Silva, sophomore, said. "We had practiced everyday and it was tiring but in the end, I knew it would pay off because the girls we had this year were so dedicated."

Long practices improved bonds and relationships on the team. They also ensured that the girls put their all into Nationals. They also recieved an award from the judges for Jazz, called the Unleashed award, for their performance quality and commitment.

"Going to Florida was super fun and it was nice to escape the weather," Taylor Olmstead, junior, said. "What made me love dance was going out with my friends and performing our hearts out."

Being on a dance team opened opportunities for everyone.

"I was lucky to attend Nationals three years in a row, and it was bittersweet," Payton Poulston, senior, said. "It was crazy to think something that had been a major part in my life was coming to an end. I could not even imagine what it would be like not being with my team almost every day all year round."



What is your favorite viral dance?

"The Dab"
Calista Petersen, 10

"7 Rings Tik Tok"
Elizabeth Hill, 10

"Hit the Quan"
Daniel Kruse, 12

"Renegade"
Maddy Murchek, 9

"Russian Kick"
Finn Manion, 10

"Figure 8"
Mattie Tengdin, 11

"Cupid Shuffle"
Espi Navarro, 12

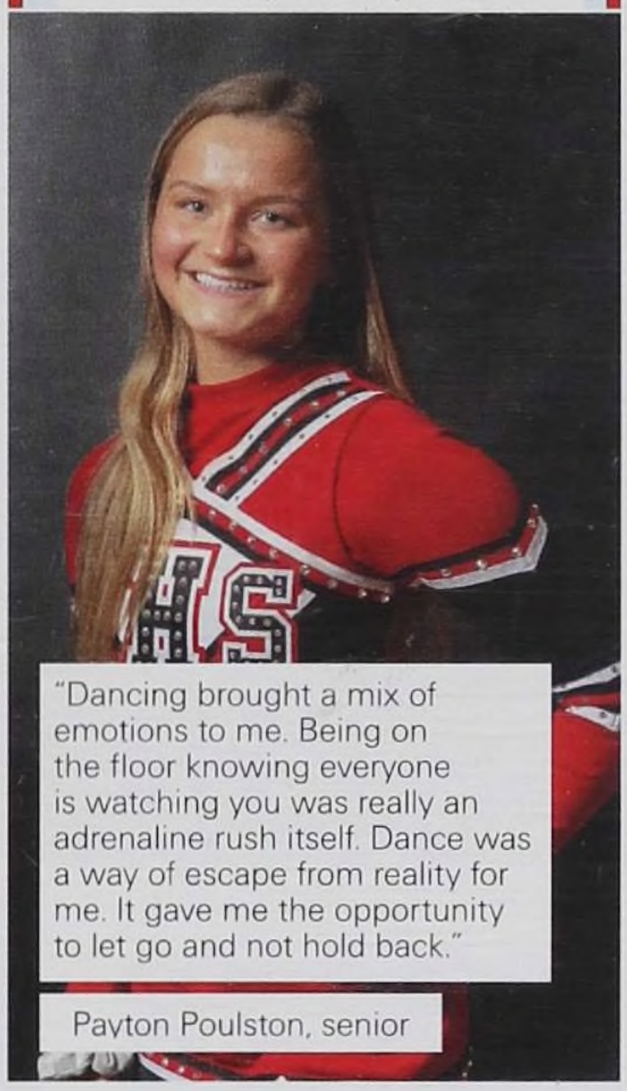
"The Woah"
Trinitee Hassan, 12

Takes two to tango Performing at the Munster Dance Invitational, Abby Silva, Jenna Kosco, and Avery Beerling, sophomores, keep calm in front of the crowd. "Each time I went on stage with these girls I never failed to get in a giggle and they always relieved the stress." Photo by Lana Salahieh **Hand in hand** Performing their duet competition dance, Payton Poulston and Abbey Ruckert, seniors, show full emotion. This was the last Munster Dance Invitational for the pair. "Being on the dance team has given me so many opportunities that most people would call 'once in a lifetime opportunities,'" Poulston said. Photo by Lana Salahieh **Final pose** Finishing their routine, Taylor Olmstead and Clara Zuniga, and Taylor Graham, juniors, Calista Petersen, sophomore, and Layna Kounelis, senior, keep their motions tight. "It was always exciting to perform in front of my friends, but it also put a lot of pressure on me not to mess up," Olmstead said. Photo by Chloe Lambert

To the right Stretching her side before practice, Clara Zuniga, junior, maintains focus on her form. "Our team had a really good energy and we all did a good job of motivating each other on the floor," Zuniga said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Hitting every beat At the Turnabout Pep Rally, the dance team performs their pom routine. "I know it's cheesy, but my favorite part of the dance team was the friendships that came with it," Petersen said. "I felt like I saw these girls more than I saw my actual sister." **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Stretching out** Warming up before practice, Abbey Ruckert, senior stretches her back. "My favorite thing about dance as a whole was just the feeling of walking off and knowing that you hit a perfect routine," Ruckert said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert** **Strike a pose** At Halftime, Peyton Collier, sophomore, performs a competition routine. "It was super fun dancing in front of crowds of people with my teammates," Collier said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Payton Poulston
Varsity Co-Captain



"Dancing brought a mix of emotions to me. Being on the floor knowing everyone is watching you was really an adrenaline rush itself. Dance was a way of escape from reality for me. It gave me the opportunity to let go and not hold back."

Payton Poulston, senior

Beginning to end

Layna Kounelis, senior, and Taylor Graham, junior discuss what they like to eat for practice

"I liked to eat anything chocolate before practice because they are super sweet and always boosted my energy."

Layna Kounelis, senior

"Cheez-its were the best to eat because they were easy to sneak eat when the coach wasn't looking."

Taylor Graham, junior

Fuelin' up During dance practice, Taylor Graham, junior, relaxes and recharges with her teammate Halle Asplund, junior. "I was always excited to see what (Coach Cynthia) Banas has in store for us that day and excited to leave," Asplund said. **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

Tap out

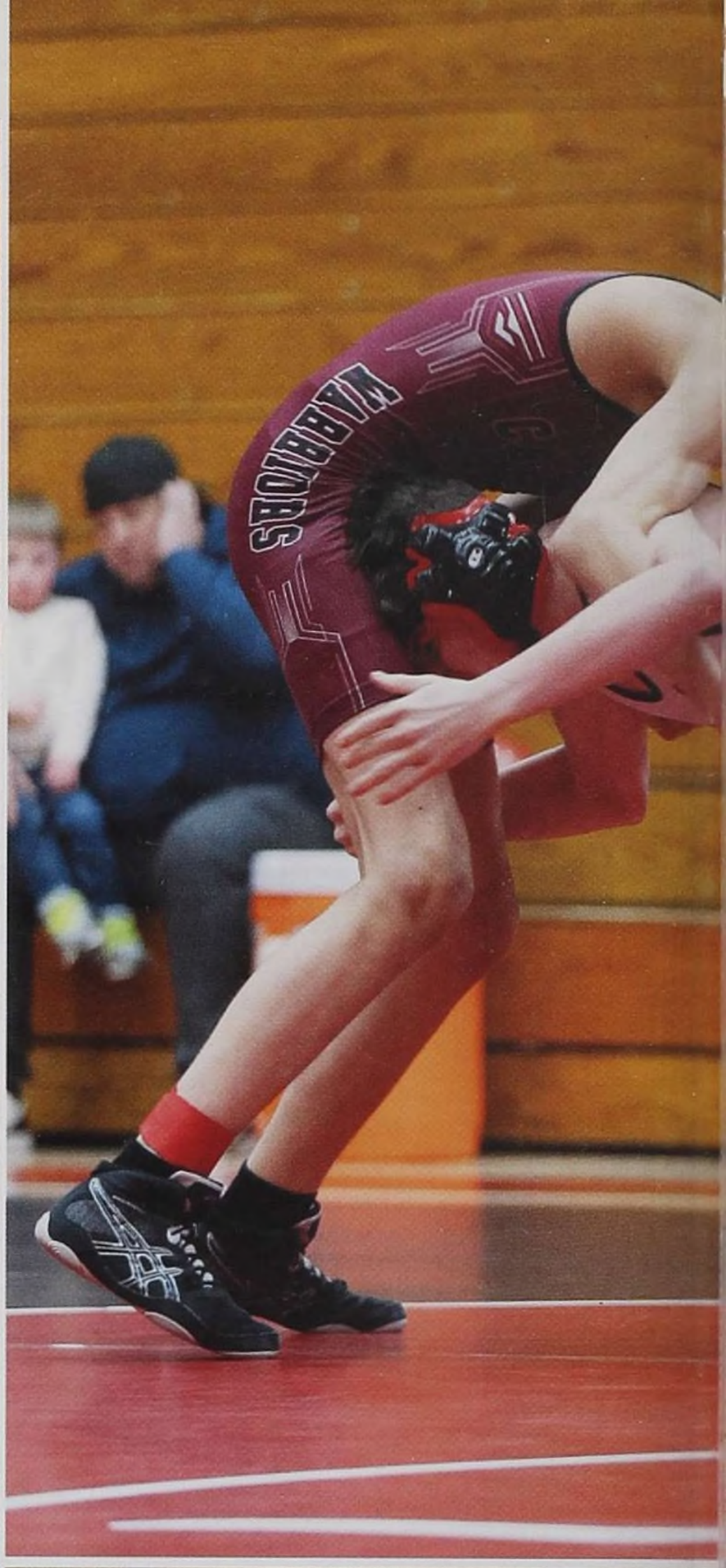
Robert Maldonado explains the different types of wrestling

Reality "Our wrestlers would go into a match wearing a singlet."

TV "Pro-wrestlers have flashy costumes and masks to wrestle in."

Reality "In our match, wrestlers can get points for take downs, escapes, reversals, or for nearfalls."

TV "There really isn't a point system in pro-wrestling."



Who would you wrestle?

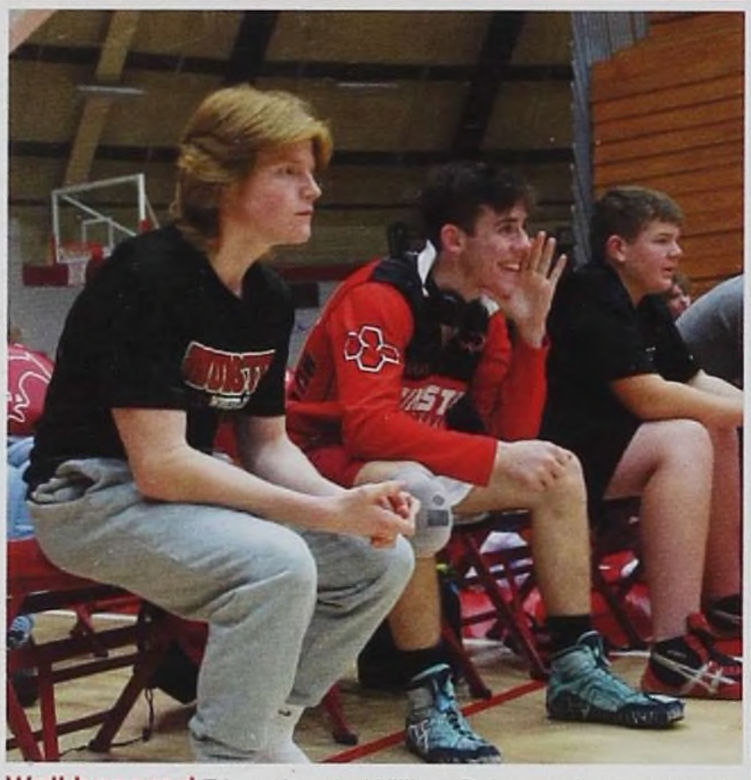
"I'd probably wrestle Mr. Davidson because he's really legendary."
Michael Armiras, 10

"Seth Rogen because he would make a ton of jokes during the match."
Ethan Castillo, 11

"The Rock, He'd beat me but I'd still get to meet The Rock in the process."
Gabriel Tienstra, 10

"I would like to wrestle Chris Pratt because he used to wrestle in high school and is just such a stand up guy."
Leo Tsirtsis, 11

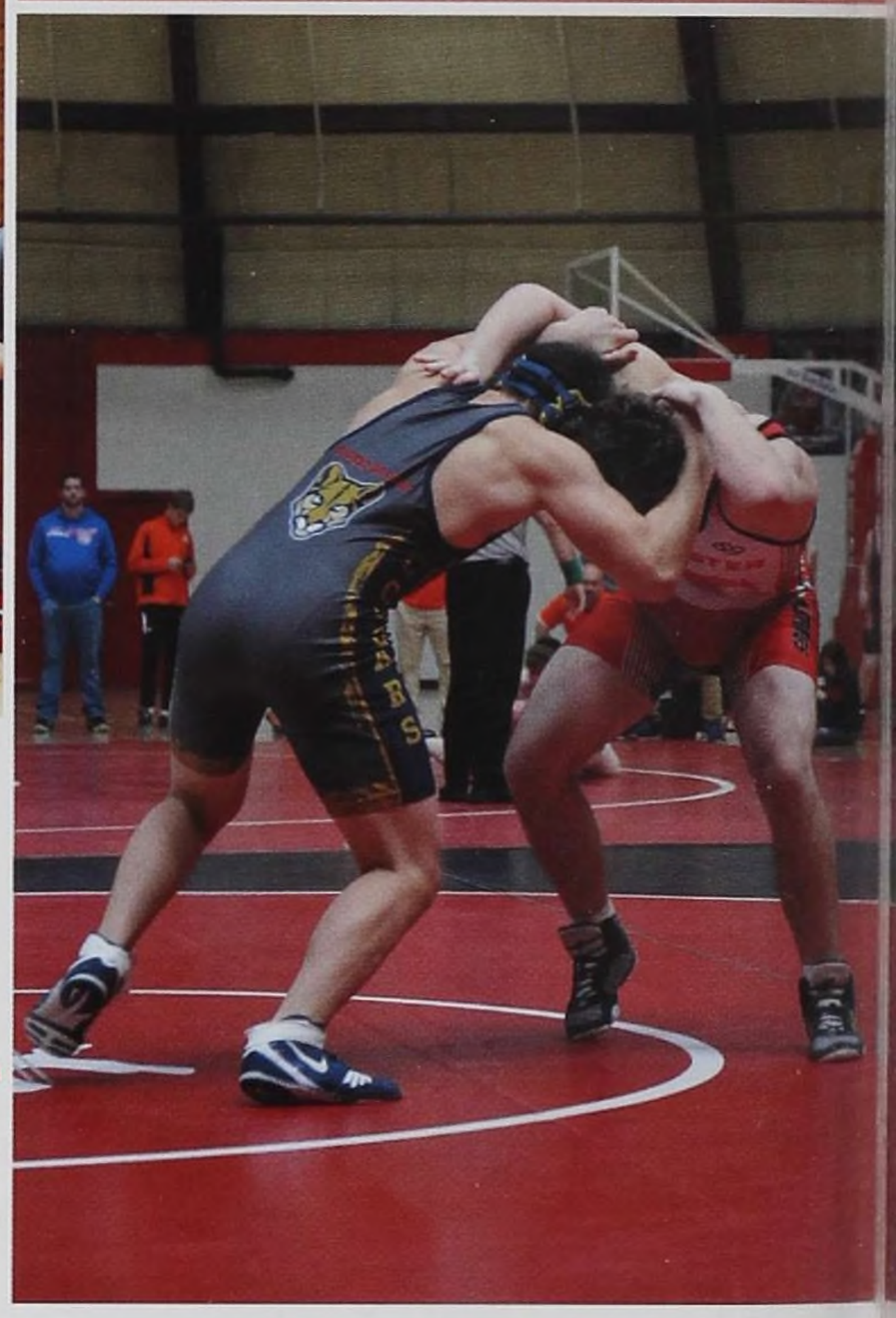
"I would wrestle my future self just to see how much I've improved in my wrestling career."
Wyatt Strozewski, 9



Well-honored Triumphantly, William Rojas, senior, accepted recognition, on senior night with his parents. All seniors were honored for the time they spent on the wrestling team. "It was really cool standing up," Rojas said. "And be congratulated by my coach and teammates." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Struggling for success Competing, Leo Tsirtsis, junior, wrestled an opponent from Lowell High school. Tsirtsis later went on to place in various competitions."Sometimes you get knocked down in wrestling" Tsirtsis said. "But that's just part of the game." **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

Cheering on the team Cheering on their teammates Ben Ondo, junior, Leo Tsirtsis, junior, and Finn Meyer, freshman, watch from the sidelines. The wrestling team thought of themselves as brothers and they loved to cheer each other on in meets. "I was just observing the match," Ondo said. "And supporting my teammates." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**



For better or worse

A wrestler describes his journey on the team

Story by Summer Gill

Wrestling has been around for ages, impacting individuals over the course of time. It certainly impacted Robert Maldonado, senior. Maldonado was no stranger to wrestling due to his family's influence over the years on him. Maldonado knew the consequences and injuries that came along with the sport of wrestling.

"Injuries are a constant in wrestling," Maldonado said. "I broke my nose and tore my meniscus this season alone. I come from a wrestling family, and we basically live and breathe wrestling."

But sadly, Maldonado's love of wrestling was not quite enough for him this season.

"My personal season wasn't the greatest," Maldonado said. "I wasn't able to get out of Sectionals and my record barely broke even. I got sixth at Sectionals, and that's about it. This season, I mostly regret not putting in more work to be able to excel."

However just because Maldonado did not have the best season, that is not to say that the season was all bad. The team ended with a record of 6-17.

"The team season was the best we've had since I've been here," Maldonado said.

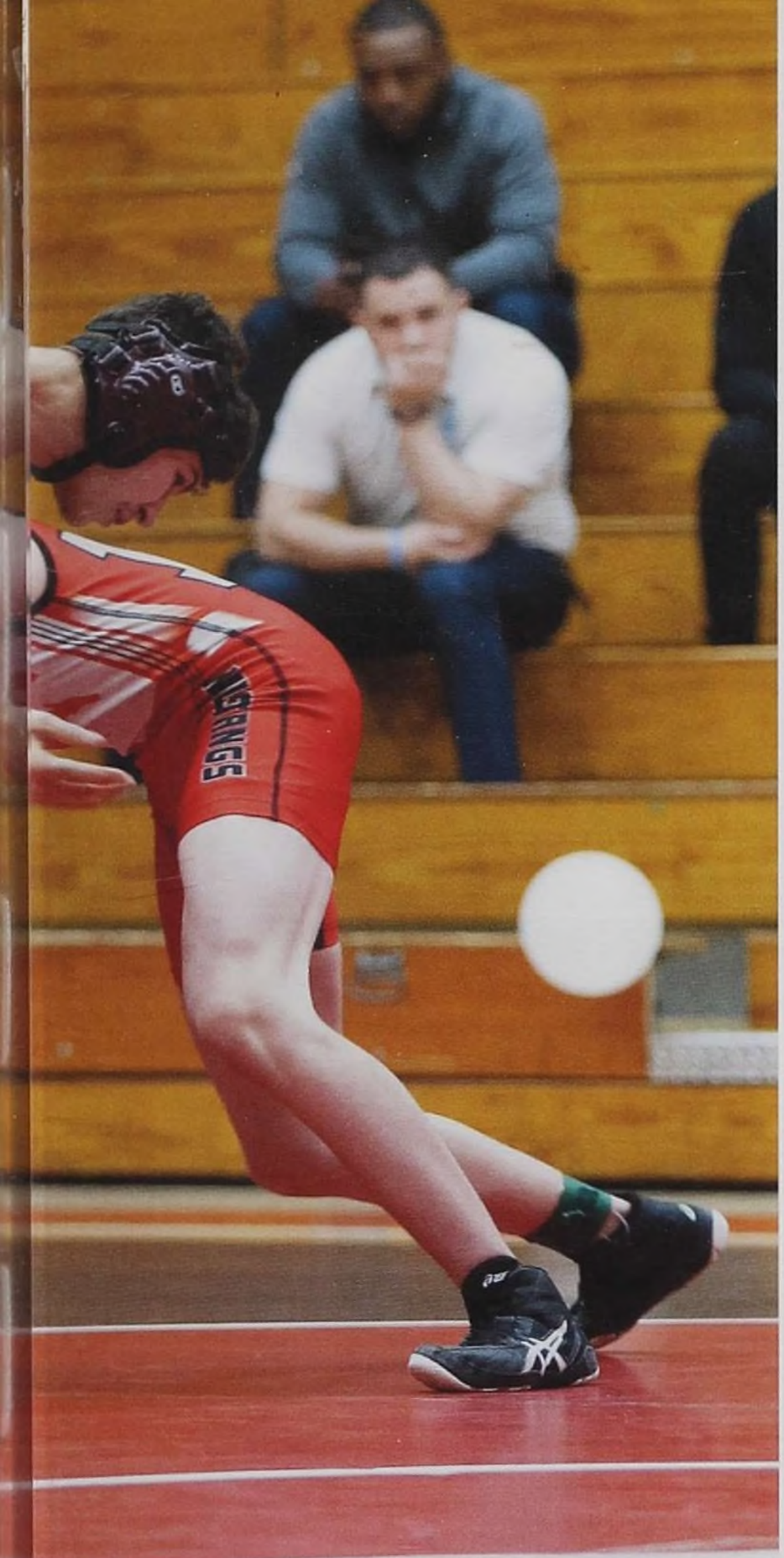
Regardless, this was Maldonado's last year wrestling since he planned to focus more in college in the following years.

"I most likely won't continue wrestling next year, mainly because of the talent gap that exists between high school and college wrestling, but also because it'll be nice to have a break from practicing five times a week," Maldonado said.

But he did not leave Munster or wrestling empty-handed. Maldonado learned many lessons, including the lessons of determination and discipline.

"There is most definitely discipline that you need to have when wrestling," Maldonado said. "To be able to cut pounds at a time or to go to practice and wrestle for two hours every day really takes a mental toll on you."

Though this season was a tough one, the team worked hard to make it a great.

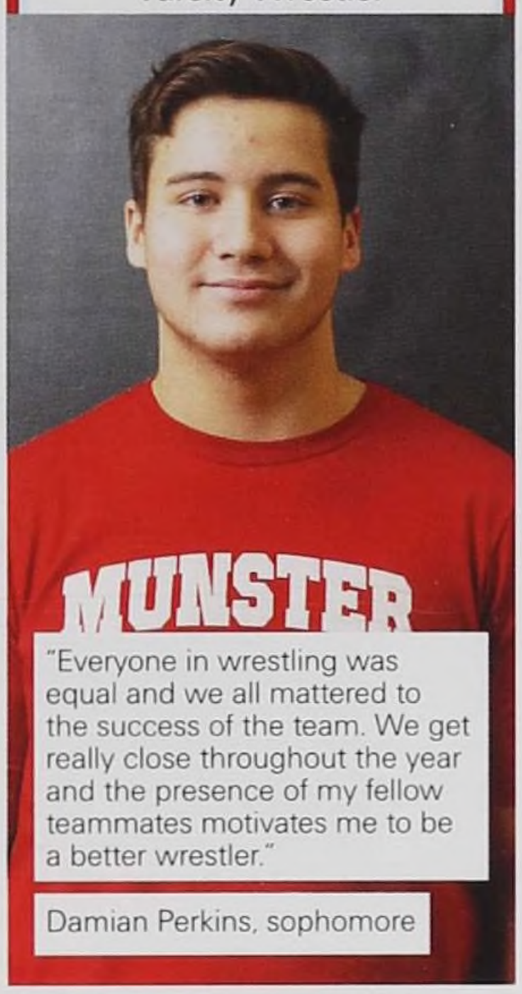


Complete take down
Attempting to take down his opponent from Bishop Noll, William Rojas, senior, charges him. Rojas went on to be undefeated in the school's super duels. "Whenever I wrestle, I stop thinking and only focus on taking my opponent down," Rojas said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Heavy lifting
During practice, Leo Tsirtsis, junior, lifts weights with Elijah Homan, freshman, in the preseason. During preseason wrestlers strength train in order to become better at their craft. "I always love training with my teammates," Tsirtsis said. "It makes us extremely close."
Photo by Demetrios Fotopoulos

The struggle is real
While in match with Lowell High School, Markus Ciciora, sophomore, struggled for the upper hand. This wrestling move is a well known trick to win the match."It's always hard at first but as long as you have an upper hand its easy to win."
Photo by Vanessa Situ

Damian Perkins
Varsity Wrestler



"Everyone in wrestling was equal and we all mattered to the success of the team. We get really close throughout the year and the presence of my fellow teammates motivates me to be a better wrestler."

Damian Perkins, sophomore

Weighing in

The pros and cons of weight classes

\+ "Certain weight classes are easier than others depending on the people and the year, being in a certain weight class can help you to maintain a good physical state."
Alexander Borrero, 9

\- "I think it is a problem when people cut weight last minute. If you can manage your weight and start earlier, you won't have to scramble to lose that little bit of weight."
Ethan Korwek, 11

Taking center stage

Cheer rebounds after season struggles

Story by Mia Terek

A good coach can make or break a team. Throughout the season, the girls ended up having three different coaches.

"The past two seasons before this one we were led by our old coach Latoya Tyson. She had to leave during the summer," Mianna Papageorge, senior, said. "The lady who replaced her did not have nearly as much experience, and it set us back a lot."

Compared to past seasons, this one had been a bit unconventional.

"It was stressful trying to make this season happen with all the new rules and changing coaches, but we made it work," Lindsey Katalinic, senior, said.

For many of the girls, one of the biggest let-downs of this season was not competing.

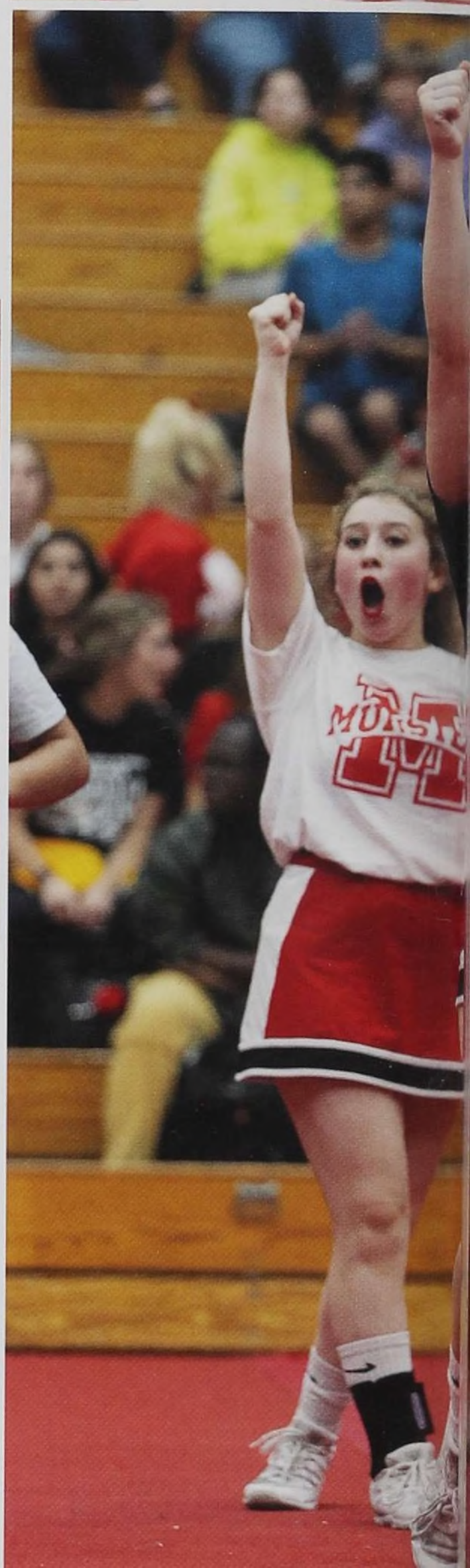
"Normally, we had the opportunity to compete against other teams for a title, but this year we did not," Meli Chioros, senior, said. "Although we didn't compete, that did not stop us from having a great season."

After about two months, the new coach ended up leaving. Coach Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher, stepped up and became the girls' new coach. This brought a new atmosphere to the team.

"Ms. Szafasz had done an awesome job of working with us," Gillian Bedenk, senior, said. "Without her, the team wouldn't have been the same."

Rooting for you

At the Homecoming pep rally, Alayna Eismin, senior, hypes up the crowd. Eismin enjoyed performing for the school. "I liked how people were so surprised by things we could do," Eismin said. "I also liked hearing the good reactions when they didn't expect something coming." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**



Behind the fit

Cheer talks about their favorite uniform

"I like the black one. It's really pretty and it fits me well."
Ke'Nyah Foster, 12

"The white Mustangs one is my favorite. I like that it says mustangs on it."
Kaylie Eriks, 10

"I like the red on red with the stripes. It's simple, yet cute."
Meagan Hudson, 9

Pump it up

Performing at the pep rally, Lindsey Katalinic, senior, looks into the crowd. Cheer wore their class t-shirts over their red uniforms.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Uniforms provided by Simona Terek

Girl power

Pulling the rope, Leena Campagna, freshman, Alejandra Alvarado, sophomore, Hannah Cockrum, sophomore, and other cheerleaders participate in a tug of war battle against the dancers at the Homecoming pep rally. This battle was unexpected for both parties. "It was exciting and fun," Campagna said. "I wasn't really nervous because we were all just goofing around."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Sky high

Forming a pyramid, Beth Calgaro, senior, acted as the center flier. This particular set consisted of 16 girls. "It was nerve wracking sometimes because you're the center of attention," Calgaro said. "But it was rewarding and fun." **Photo by Leila Damianos**

Meli Chioros
Varsity Cheerleader

"Cheer means a lot to me. Family, hard work and perseverance are just a few."

Meli Chioros, senior

What's your favorite cheer memory?

"Hanging out with the girls out of practice. We built a little family. I know I can count on them."
Leena Campagna, 9

"Cheer camp, that's where I got to know everyone."
Tyra Wheaton, 9

"Girls' basketball sectionals. The girls' team was so nice and supportive so it was really fun to cheer them on."
Hannah Cockrum, 10

"Bringing my football and basketball players their gifts for home games."
Alejandra Alvarado, 10

Bring it on
While cheering at a game against Chesterton, Taylor Perez, sophomore, loses her voice. Perez still helped the crowd stay hyped up. "I kept thinking about how much we wanted to win," Perez said. "The fourth quarter was my favorite part." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Gift givers
Smiling, Simona Terek, sophomore, opens up her Secret Santa gift during the beginning of practice. Simona got three pairs of socks, a pink blanket and candy from her Secret Santa. "I was trying to figure out who my Secret Santa was," Terek said. "It was one of the best parts of the activity." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Clap back
Clapping, Meagan Hudson, freshman, and Gillian Bedenk, senior, stand on the sidelines. The girls had set cheers and chants that they performed during games. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Golden rules
Coach Szafasz shares the team rules

- Treat everyone with respect
- Look presentable
- Take ownership of your mistakes
- If you miss a game, you sit a game
- Pass five out of eight of your classes
- Be on time
- No disciplinary actions

Victor Vatchev
Varsity Swimmer

"Swimming redefined my life because it allowed me to become fitter, happier, and it has opened so many doors for me that I would have never had unless I did this sport."

Victor Vatchez, sophomore

Great at state

Swimmers qualified for All-American Awards

200 Medley Relay
Who? Holden Raffin, Kyle Adams, Grant Afman, Fenry Zhou
Record - 2nd place, Team Record
Time - 1:28.96

200 Individual Medley
Who? Holden Raffin
Record - 4th place, Team Record
Time - 1:48.09

100 Butterfly
Who? Grant Afman
Record - 3rd place
Time - 48.77

100 Backstroke
Who? Holden Raffin
Record - 4th place, Team Record
Time - 48.72

100 Breaststroke
Who? Kyle Adams
Record - 2nd place
Time - 54.78

400 Freestyle Relay
Who? Holden Raffin, Victor Vatchev, Kenny Reed, Grant Afman
Record - 4th place, Team Record
Time - 3:05.80

Trophy of sucess
Posing with their sectional trophy at Lake Central High School, Martin Barnard, Holden Raffin, Grant Afman, Kyle Adams, Aidan Smith, Ilija Manojlovic, and Sage Lazzara, seniors, celebrate their win. "The swim team meant a lot to me," Adams said. "They were a good group of kids that understood each other."
Photo provided by Kyle Adams

All-American Awards
To qualify, althletes have to maintain over 3.5 GPA and be a state tournament place-winner.

Senior szn During senior night, Kyle Adams, senior, receives a cup for his senior gift. Adams planned on continuing his swimming career at University of Iowa in Fall 2020. "Swimming has changed me because it has shown me how to become a team player," Adams said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Shake it off** Finishing a race, Griffin Poulsen, sophomore, shakes hands with others on the sideline. Poulsen was a part of the varsity team "I was exhausted, but I would do it all over again," Poulsen said. " **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Dive in** Doing the breaststroke, Fenry Zhou, junior, swims during a race. "Swimming has given me important physical, but also mental qualities like discipline," Zhou said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Taking a stand
Before a race, Holden Raffin, senior, stands over his swim lane. Raffin described races to be both nerve racking and calm. "You try not to stress yourself out too much and just give it all you can in the pool," Raffin said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Life in the fast lane

Holden Raffin and Kyle Adams take on Olympic Trials

Story by Riley Ramirez

Swimming from the Munster pools to the Olympic Trials, Holden Raffin and Kyle Adams had an intense training and work load that got them into the Olympic Trials. The Boys' Swim team had yet another exceptional year, winning their 35th consecutive sectional win and being State runner-up.

"I worked really hard these past eleven years to get where I am today," Raffin said. "There have been a lot of morning practices where I didn't feel like getting up at 4:15 in the morning, but I just had to do it and get through it because it was worth it."

Kyle Adams and Holden Raffin endured many late and early practices since they were seven years old to be able to compete in the 2020 Olympic Trials.

"It's super exciting to be swimming in the 2020 Olympic Trials," Raffin said. "It has been my goal since I've started swimming so it was pretty nerve-wracking. I am overall super excited to go there and get that experience."

Coaches and family members helped both athletes achieve their goal through hard work and determination.

"I would say my Coach Matt Lee (Munster Swim Club coach) was my biggest supporter," Adams said. "He poured lots of time into my training."

The Munster Boys Swim team worked hard as a team, cheering for one another till the end and ending with a 9-2 record.

"This season has had the best environment for me out of all of my four years on the team, Raffin said. "We've had great teamwork this year, and all have been really close, it's been awesome."

The boys always cheer for each other in and out of the pool. The team works well with one another, creating a positive team environment.

"The environment of the team was very cohesive," Adams said. "Everyone got along with one another."

Swimming not only allowed both athletes to create strong bonds with others on the team, but also to learn important life skills.

"I've met my closest friends through swimming, so I met a lot of new people," Raffin said. "Swimming also taught me important life skills like time management and the value of hard work."

Butterfly effect

During a race, Grant Afman, senior, does the butterfly stroke. "Knowing that my team looked to me for leadership and advice for swimming and knowing that I can be there to help them is such an honor to me," Afman said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Sickness who?

Grant Afman, senior, prepared for state

Story by Lucy Torres

CEO of Clorox

Trying to avoid sickness, Grant Afman, senior, wipes his desk with Clorox wipes. Afman wiped his desks down a few days before Sectionals and the week before State. "I refused to let a sickness prevent me from competing at my last State," Afman said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Being Grant Afman's last swimming season, he did everything in his power to avoid any type of sickness.

Afman and the rest of the Boys' Swimming team ended up all feeling good and healthy becoming runner-up at state for the first time since 2010.

Preparing for both Sectionals and State, Grant wiped down his assigned seat in every one of his classes with clorox wipes.

"I went through about 40 Clorox wipes," Afman said.

He started it a few days before Sectionals and a full whole week before State.

With many illnesses going around, Afman did not want anything affecting his senior year competitions.

The idea came to mind when science teacher Mr. Larry Hautzinger started going over daily news on the coronavirus. "His number one advice was to wash your hands and wipe down the desks," Afman said.

Whats your favorite event to swim?

"The 200 free because it is not to short and it's not to long. It gives you a rush when you swim it."
Scott Robinson, 10

"The 500 free because a lot can happen within the race."
Griffin Poulsen, 10

"I liked to swim the 50 freestyle becuase it is all speed."
Santiago Rivera, 10

"The mile, because I liked the distance."
Fenry Zhou, 11

"I liked to swim the 500 free becuase I really got the team aspect of it, and it's the best event. "
Micheal Dempsey, 11

What swimmer inspired you most?

"The swimmer that inspired me the most was Cody Miller because he loved swimming and gave advice to the young swimmers that watched his YouTube channel."
Erin Bryce, 12

"I was inspired by Coach McNulty. She had me try new dives and had confidence in me and my abilities."
Sophia Brunetti, 10

"Someone who inspired me was Carson Kekelik. She was a junior on the team and I strove to one day become as good a diver as her."
Bailee DeJarlais, 10

"I looked up to the girls on the swim team. They worked hard every day, and a lot of people didn't realize how difficult their training was. The amount of work they put into their sport inspired me to work hard in what I do in life."
Maya Queroz, 10

"Caleb Dressel because in 2019 he said, 'I don't go to competitions to count medals.'"
Rita Zheng, 9

A splashing Season

Story by Summer Gill

Girls' swim win their 30th consecutive Sectional

Girls' swim did it again: they placed first in this year's sectionals. This is the team's 30th consecutive win. But for some members of the swimming team, it was their first time at Sectionals.

"I was a freshman, so this would have been my first Sectionals," Anna Evilsizor, freshman, said.

Getting to sectionals was not an easy process. It took many hours of preparation and only the top swimmers can be in it.

"All the swimmers who qualified for sectionals swim on Thursday (Feb 6) which is called prelims. At prelims, the top 16 swimmers of each individual event will swim finals on Saturday (Feb 8) I earning points for their team," Clarisa Cortez, junior, said.

However, just because it took hard work and dedication to place first in sectionals, there is still time for fun.

"My favorite thing about sectionals was the energy at finals, which really helped us relax and have fun. The top eight in every event get to 'walk out' to a song in finals which really gets everyone going and excited for their races," Hannah Robbins, sophomore, said.

Before the girls swam at sectionals, they performed rituals to help them win.

"Right before sectionals, after the last practice, we had a pasta dinner, and after sectionals, we also had dinner," Evilsizor said.

Along with enjoying a meal before and after sectionals, the girls listened to music before getting in the water.

"Before sectionals, we tapered down, which means we went down in yardage drastically to rest for the big meet. We listened to music in the locker rooms to get everyone hyped for their races and do well as a team," Robbins said.

Keep breathing Swimming breaststroke, Hannah Robbins, sophomore, takes a breath. Robbins would go on to take 4th place at sectionals. "I dropped a lot of time in the events I swam," Robbins said. "The biggest highlight of sectionals this year was being able to hold the 'Sectional Champions' trophy." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Last gift During senior night, Mia Tumacder, senior, recives gifts from Coach Anna Nasinska. During the ceremony, teamates said goodbye to each other. "I was feeling very happy to be done with swim, but I was also kind of sad leaving all my swimming friends," Tumacder said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Flying the fastest** Butterfly swimming senior, Sam Buffano, gives it her all at every meet. "I thought about music so time went by faster or what I was doing after practice to give me motivation," Buffano said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Stretched out In the Aquatic center, Lucy MacDonald, freshman, uses resistance bands to work out near the pool. Lucy practiced nearly 10 times a week. "I enjoyed the workout most of the time. It gave me time to think after and before school" MacDonald said. **Photo by Lana Salahieh**

Swim around the state

In the pool, Savannah Frazier, junior, swims freestyle. Savaanah has been swimming since fourth grade "My favorite thing about swimming was all the fun meets that our team gets to travel to. It was fun getting to go to other schools and seeing what their pool is like and dropping time there," Frazier said.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Lola Papanikolaou

Varsity Swimmer

"In fifth grade, one of my best friends was swimming on the Munster Swim Club and she convinced me to join. I ended up enjoying it, and I've been swimming ever since."

Lola Papanikolaou, senior

- Perfect workout

Girls' Swimming talks about their most benefical workouts

"Multiple times a week throughout the season, our coach split us up into small groups, which were separated based on what stroke you swam at meets. She wrote personalized workouts for each stroke. I think these workouts helped me improve my stroke and I always looked forward to them."

Maria Puliaeva, 12

"The most beneficial workout that I have done throughout my swimming career was lactate sets. Lactate sets are pretty much sprints from the block for a time. I think these types of sets got me prepared and ready for any upcoming meets and got me in `race mode. These sets got my heart rate going."

Savannah Kunas, 11

"One workout that I love doing for swimming was bleacher runs. It took a lot of energy but it burned calories while giving us some serious cardio. It was also funny to watch my teammate Savannah (Kunas) struggle up the stairs."

Emme Poulston, 12

The heart of —the game-

Boys' Basketball comes together for a friend

Story by Marley Anderson

A good team needs to know how to support each other and work together. But that's pretty obvious, right?

Of course, winning wouldn't be possible without a team's communication. The boys played hard to achieve their regular season record of 21-1. Although they ended up losing to Merrillville 63-53 at Sectionals, they played hard and never stopped trying.

"Everyone had to be on the same page so we could execute the best we can," Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, senior, said.

Negative remarks had no place among the team for a reason: nobody is perfect.

"When you hear us in practice there was never any negative comments towards anybody," Keith Kaszycki, junior, said. "One of the things we did best was making sure that everyone on the team was uplifted."

No one learned the important aspects of a sport without learning from others.

"The older guys on the team just helped me be composed and calm during games and not let emotions get the best of me," Jeremiah Lovett, junior, said.

Not only is support significant on the court, but off the court as well. The entire team came together for Josh Davis, senior, when his grandma passed.

"Not many of us knew her particularly well, but we all knew how special she was to Josh and his family," Tim Giannini, senior, said. "We all grew closer together through our support for Josh through that difficult time."

Josh's teammates found out about the news through the newspaper and all decided to attend her funeral.

"It meant a lot to me and my family seeing all my teammates and coaches come to something that is that important to me because she meant so much to me," Davis said.

The benefits of love and support created the strong foundation of the team.

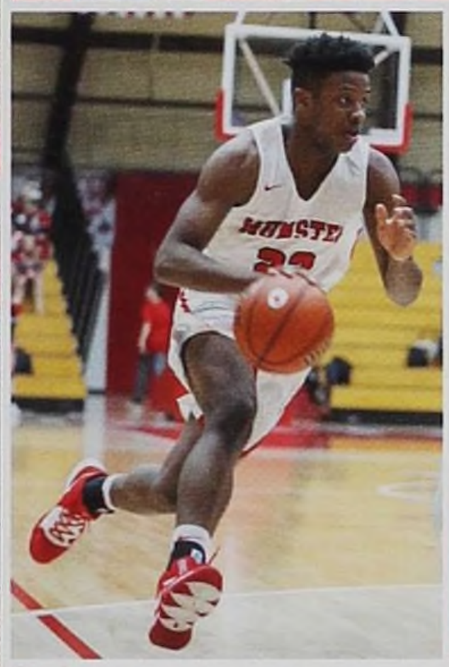
"We would not have been the kind of team we were without the love for each other," Giannini said.

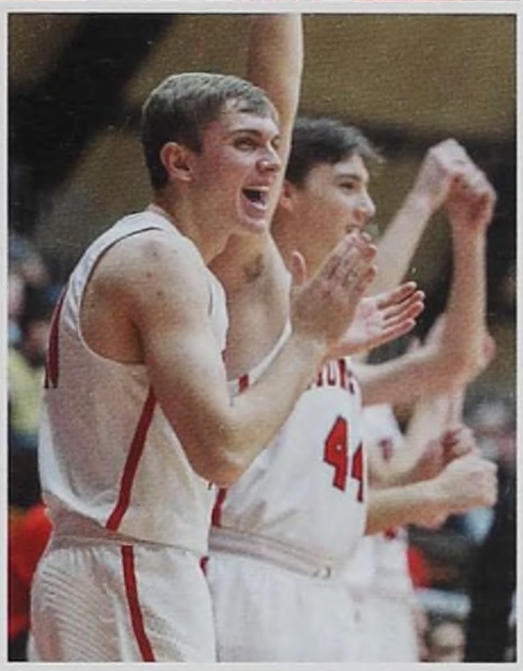
The importance of accountability and communication was key to maintaining a strong and successful team.

"Accountability was so important on our team because we all knew that no one was perfect," Giannini said. "We all made mistakes, but what set us apart from other teams was our willingness to take responsibility when we made a mistake."

Jump at the chance
Preparing to take a shot, Luka Balac (35), junior, tries to score in a game against Chesterton. The team managed to win the game by only one point. "I was just trying to get to the basket," Balac said. "Every play counted, and I was just trying to score."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Eyes on the win Scanning the court, PJ Katona (4), senior, looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to. Photo by Todd McKechnie **Game ready** Bursting through the banner, Josh Davis (11), senior, runs onto the court. He held a T-shirt in his hand to throw into the crowd. Photo by Todd McKechnie **Chant ritual** Surrounded by his teammates, Dane Hamilton (32), junior, jumps in the middle of their team warm-up. Before every game, the team got in a circle and chanted "red." "It was everything to us," Hamilton said. "It really got us hyped up for each and every game." Photo by Todd McKechnie





Red sea Cheering on the team as they score points, students in the student section are supportive during the Munster vs. Chesterton game. The theme was to wear all red. "We got an overwhelming amount of excitement," Deven Hawkins, senior, said. **Photo by Lucy Torres** **Going in** Running across the court, Jeremiah Lovett (23), junior, heads toward the action. **Photo by Todd McKechnie** **Cheer on** Standing near the sidelines, Tim Giannini (10), senior, cheers on his team. "Throughout the game, all I was thinking about was how I could help out on the floor," Giannini said. "I was always yelling things and communicating with my teammates out on the floor to try and help them." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

How old were you when you started playing basketball?

"I was about 13 or 14."
Keith Kaszycki, 11

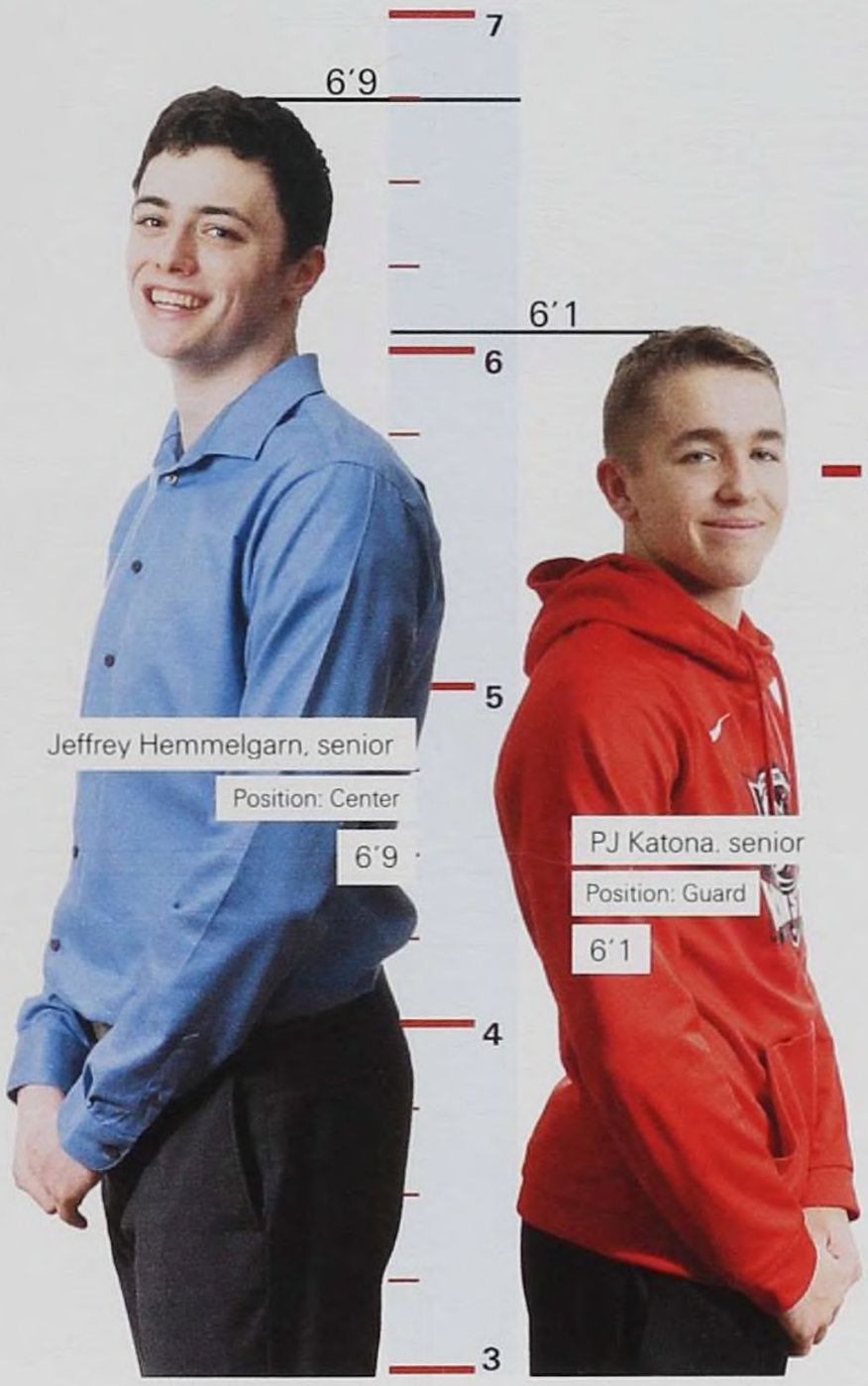
"I started playing in second grade with biddy ball and started AAU in third grade."
Tim Giannini, 12

"I started shooting hoops outside with my brother at age four and first played on a team in 1st grade."
Clayton Bubash, 11

"I started when I was about four."
Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, 12

Luka Balac
Varsity Player

"Our win against Chesterton was my favorite memory this season because we were both known as the two best teams in the region. Our student section at that game was the best I've seen since I've been at Munster."
Luka Balac, junior



Sizing up

Jeffrey Hemmelgarn and PJ Katona, seniors, compare their height

Got your back
Standing back to back, Jeffrey Hemmelgarn and PJ Katona, seniors, compare their heights. Their heights affected their positions on the court. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

"People always asked me, 'How's the weather up there?'"
Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, 12

What would your sneaker brand be?

"I'd name it after my family. I feel like they deserve something after all I've put them through."

Char Lorenz, 9

"'Davey's because coach Davidson's style really inspired me and he was legendary."

Kayla Ziel, 11

"'Eish-Dawg in the House,' because every time someone from the basketball team saw me, they called me that."

Emily Eisha, 12

Sara Zabrecky
Varsity Co-Captian

"I've been playing basketball since I was in second grade. It's been my whole life. It's my place to get away from everything like school or stress."

Sara Zabrecky, senior

Scream and shout Yelling and screaming, Nicole Sullivan (44), sophomore, Emily Eisha (33), senior, and Grace Clark (24), sophomore, cheer on the team as they go against Lake Central. Sullivan hoped to go back into the game but rooted on her teammates. "While on the sidelines, I was ready to go back in," Sullivan said. "But other times, I hoped my teammates could do what they can." Photo by Todd McKechnie **Pass it up** Getting ready to pass, Delaney Mcginty (14), senior, looks for Sara Zabrecky. Passing was an essential part of the game. "I was passing the ball down the court to Zabrecky so she can make a three," Mcginty said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **Focus on me** Before shooting the ball, Aleena Mongerie (35), junior, hopes it goes in. Mongerie wanted to make the shot to help win against South Bend. Game was won 62-54 in the Munster gym. "While shooting, I drained everything out and did not worry about getting the ball in the bucket," Mongerie said. "When it went in, it was a great feeling." Photo by Sean O'Rourke

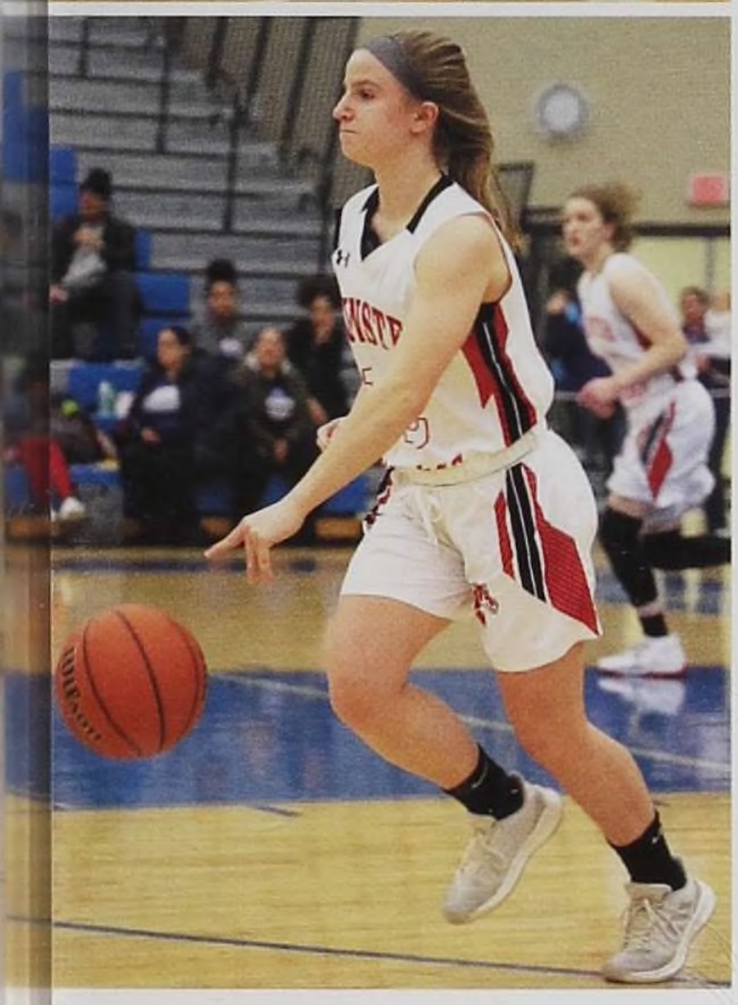
Done deal

Coach Beth Raspopovich ends her coaching career after 16 years and provides tips

"I loved coaching basketball, so leaving was definitely bittersweet. However, I looking forward to doing other things But I was definitely going miss the kids and the action of the game."

- **Build strong relationships**
  "Number one is building relationships with your coaching peers, team, players, parents and everyone that's involved."
- **Be open**
  "You need to have willingness to prepare."
- **Do your research**
  "You're not going to know everything."

Life coach Mother and daughter duo, Kya Vesa, senior, and Coach Beth Raspopovich, math teacher, hold hands during senior night. Senior basketball players met with their parents to be honored for senior night. Photo by Todd McKechnie

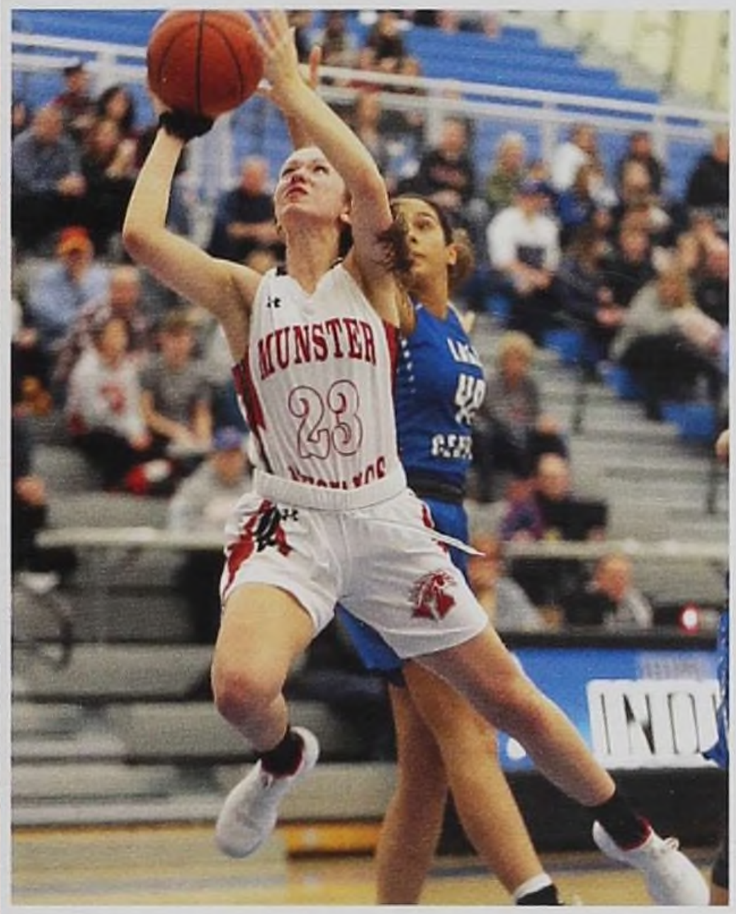


Take the shot

Doing a fast break down the court, Emily Zabrecky (23), senior, tries to shoot the ball. After she got the ball, she noticed that the lane was open, and attempted a basket against Lake Central. "The only thing I was thinking of was scoring" Zabrecky said. **Photo by Robert Young**

Order on the court

Looking ahead, Kayla Ziel (12), junior, dribbles the ball up the court. Ziel was looking for a teammate to pass the ball to. "Basketball was a good escape for me," Ziel said. "It helped take my mind off of things."
Photo by Todd McKechnie

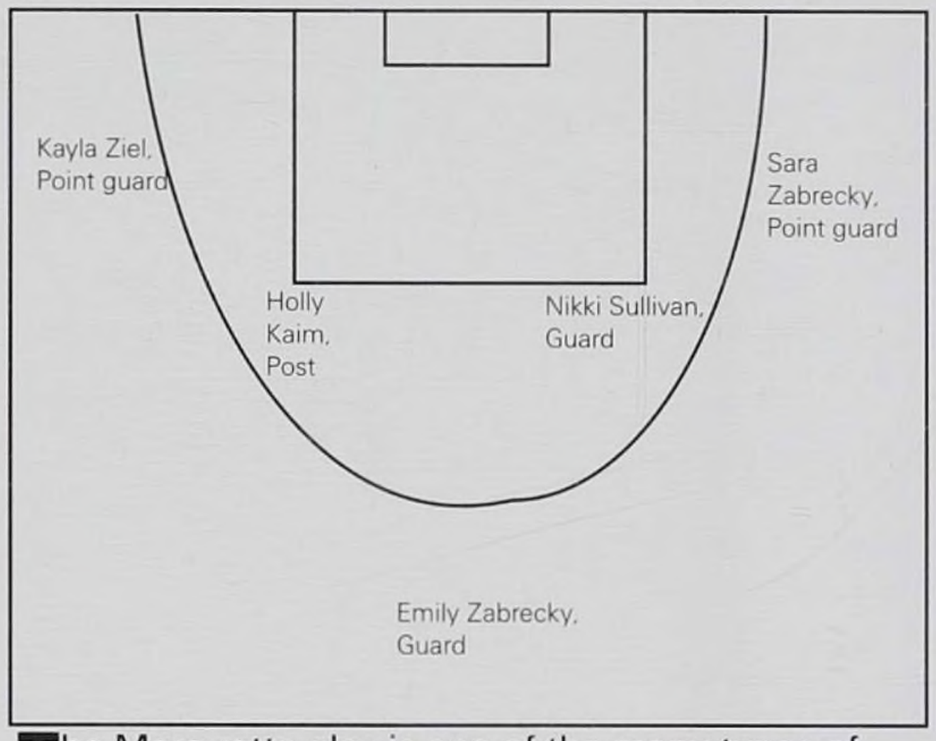


Push it

Dribbling the ball, Holly Kaim (10), junior, tries to block the defenders. The girls won the game 66-40 against Gary West Side. "I tried not to think when everyone was around me," Kiam said. "I was always looking for the next thing."
Photo by Robert Young

Fresh start

The Marquette offensive play starting positions drawn by Becky Jones, junior



The Marquette play is one of the many types of starting positions in basketball.

"In this play, we have designated spots that we start at. Once the play starts, we have to move to a specific spot at a specific time in order to get the best position to shoot or dribble," Jones said.

A recipe for success

A Sectional title is achieved through various means

Story by Mia Terek

After winning the Sectional game 46-44 against Lake Central, the girls' hard work paid off.

To prepare for Sectionals, the girls practiced from Monday to Saturday for about two hours each session. In order to be at their best, the girls did more than just drills.

"To prepare for Sectionals we watched a lot of film and looked at scouting reports that listed the strengths of our opposing teams," Emily Eisha, senior, said. "Also, during practice we tried to prepare as best as we could for any surprises the teams could throw at us during the games."

The girls played Gary West Side, Merrillville and Lake Central. The final Sectional-winning game was against Lake Central. This was the first Sectional title won in ten years.

"It was really awesome and exciting to see my team play their best," Becky Jones, junior, said. "It was definitely one of my favorite games of all time."

Before their Sectional title win, Sara Zabrecky celebrated a career milestone of 1,000 points on Jan. 30 against Valparaiso, and in the end of Jan. Coach Jim Davidson celebrated 100 wins. However, Sectionals remained important.

"(Sectionals) was an amazing experience," Kayla Ziel, junior, said. "We deserved it more than any other team in the sectional. All our hard work paid off all season and it transferred right into that game."

Although this game was historic, for some, it was especially special. Holly Kaim, junior, shot the winning basket of the game.

"When it came down to it, I just did my job and put the ball in the hoop when I got the chance," Kaim said ."It was a nice accomplishment knowing we had the support of faculty and students."

Hand to hand

During Student Government, Maha Alshamaileh, sophomore, plays with Theo Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan's son. "I love Student Government," Maha said. "It's cool to see that we've done things around the school."
Photo by Robert Young

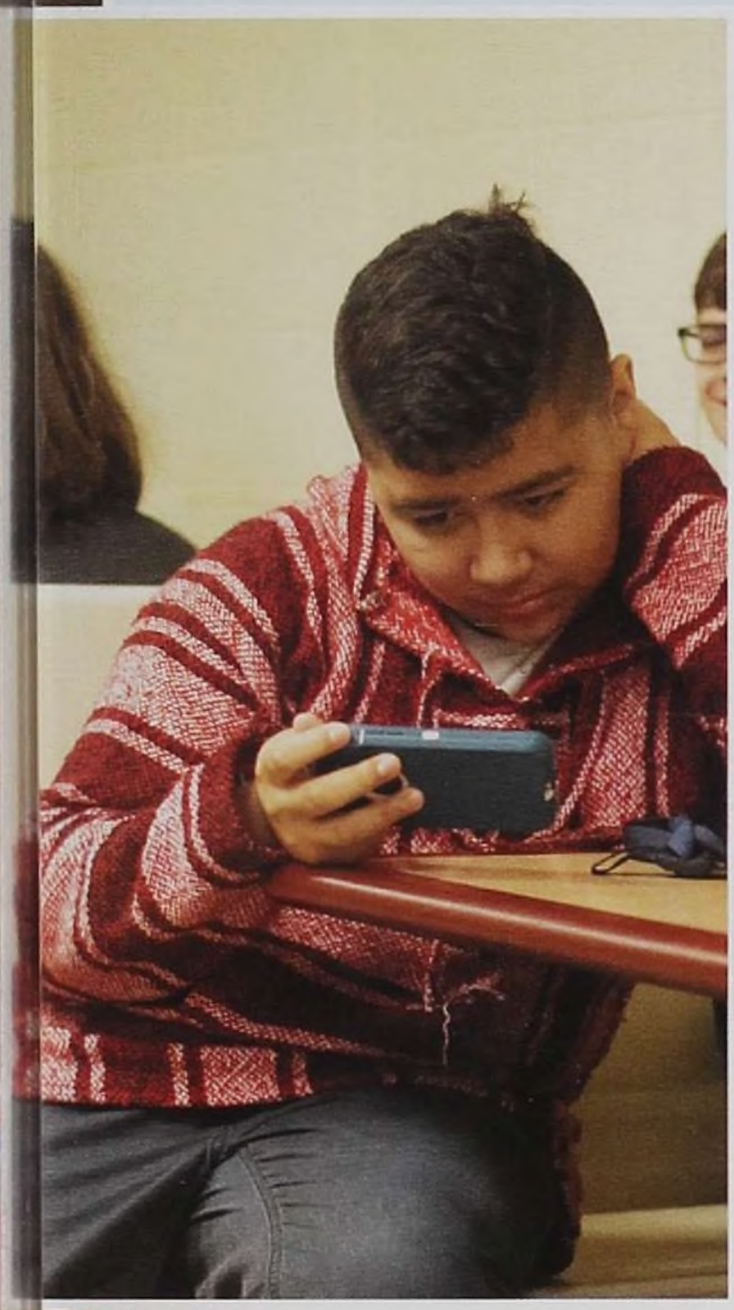
Two heads are better

Working with Josephine Mittelberger, freshman, Camille Renwald, senior, uses her laptop. Josephine worked daily to help students like Camille who were enrolled in the STEP program. "It makes me feel really happy when I help," Josephine said. "When they learn, they get this glow to their faces." **Photo by Angela Ortega**

People:

Students, teachers and friends

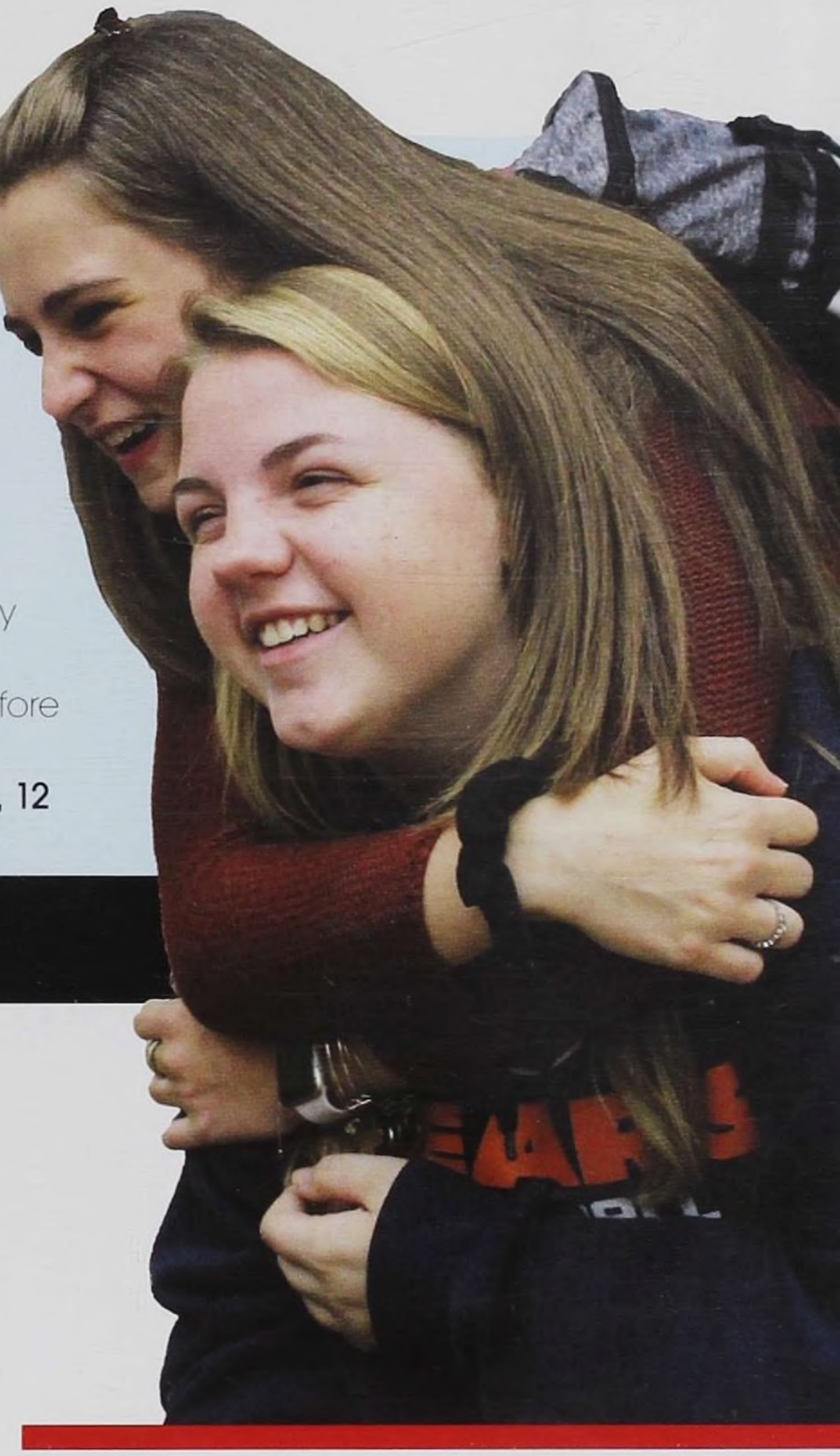
People: they're everywhere. They flood the halls during passing period, they crowd the sinks in the redesigned bathrooms, and they always seem to be out and about. While they may seem like a pain, people aren't as bad as they seem. From a subtle wave from a quiet kid in your U.S. History class to a friend's shout in the parking lot before school, people are always interacting. With these everyday interactions, they show that people aren't all that bad after all. They are all just slowly redefining themselves and your view on the entire world.



Relax zone
Sitting at a booth in the lunch room, Issac Hernandez, sophomore, watches YouTube on his phone. He wore his favorite sweater that he got in Zacatecas, Mexico. "I go there because all of my friends are there," Isaac said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

A girl thing
Getting hugged by her friend Maddie Kozy, senior, Mollie Clark, senior, smiles with joy. The girls have been close friends for a long time.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

"Maddie Kozy always puts everyone before herself."
Mollie Clark, 12



How have you redefined Munster High School?

"I help redefined MHS by being younger when I was hired and kind of bringing a younger vibe back to school. So I think I just made it a postive place to be."

Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, social studies teacher

"I have helped redefine MHS as a school where students can excel in the sciences and analytical ability."

Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher

"MHS has actually redefined me. The students change and so does their world, so I have to adjust."

Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher

Mrs. Juliann Acevez: English 11, US History
Mrs. Kelly Barnes: AP English Literature, Honors English 9, English 9
Mrs. Dina Barron: Aide
Ms. Fania Berg: Aide
Mr. Benjamin Boruff: English 10, Composition, Poetry Club

Ms. Jennifer Bullard: Biology, Zoology
Mrs. Amy Burian: Social Worker
Mr. Brian Clark: Assistant Principal
Mr. Kevin Clyne English Literature, World Literature, Composition, English 11
Mr. Michael Coil : Biology, Human Genetics, Advanced Microbiology, Senior CEC sponsor

Mrs. Anne Copp: Algebra I, Geometry
Mrs. Jenna Crotty: English, Earth Space
Mrs. Maria DeRosa-Bellahcen: Spanish I & II
Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo: Spanish II & III, World Language Department Chair
Mrs. Judith DeYoung: Anatomy & Physiology, PLTW

Mr. Brad Docter: CTE Coordinator, Intro to Entrepreneurship, Prep for College & Careers
Mr. Carl Fields: Ceramics I-V, Sculpture I & II
Mr. Donald Fortner: AP Economics, Economics, Social Studies Department Chair
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs: Spanish I & II, Ping Pong Club sponsor
Ms. Hannah Fus: ASL I & II, ASL Club sponsor

Mrs. Beth Gibbs: Student Services aide
Mr. Michael Gordon: AP Government, Government
Mrs. Lyndee Govert: Algebra I, Geometry, ISTEP lab
Mr. Jason Grunewald: Physical Education, Health and Wellness, Football coach
Mr. Michael Hackett: Assistant Athletic director, Basketball coach

Mrs. Patricia Hardesty: Aide
Mrs. Katherine Harris: Algebra I & Honors Algebra II, Freshmen CEC sponsor
Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Honors Physics, Physics, Environmental Science, Project Bio
Mr. Joshua Herold: US History, Ancient World History, Geography, Freshmen Football coach
Ms. Kelly Hladek: Media Specialist, Read & White Book Club sponsor

Mrs. Amanda Holloway: Composition, English 9, World Literature
Mr. Gabriel Isenblatter: School Resource Officer
Ms. Jennifer Johnson: Ceramics I
Mr. Matthew Kalwasinski: AP Psychology, Freshmen Football coach
Mrs. Elizabeth Keleher: School counselor

Mr. Keith Koszut: Integrated Chemistry & Physics, AP Mechanical Physics, Physics, Academics Teams director
Ms. Samantha Krueger: Aide
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman: Journalism, Photography, Newspaper, Yearbook, Publications Director
Kathleen LaPorte: AP Human Geography, Ethnic Studies, Advance Child Development, Prep for College & Careers, Ancient History, Student Government sponsor
Mrs. Alicia Lasky: STEP director

Mrs. Brook Lemon: English 9, English 9, English 9, Composition, World Literature
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Intro to 2D, Drawing, Paint I-III, 2D Art II, AP Art, Art Club, Creative Writing Club
Mrs. Rosemary Malagon: Spanish III & II, Advanced Spanish IV, Spanish Club sponsor
Mr. Ian Marcuisiu: Band, Assistant Band director
Mr. Leroy Marsh: Weight Lifting, Health, PE

Mr. Andrew Martin: Geometry, Algebra I, Assistant Football coach
Ms. Peggy Matanic: English 11, Theatre Arts, Technical Theatre, Composition, GSA sponsor
Mr. Jordan Mayer: Speech & Debate Director, English 11, Debate, Speech, Competitive Speech, ISTEP Enrichment
Mrs. Becky McKeever: Bookkeeper
Mr. Jim McNabney: Composition, English 9, World Literature

Ms. Brandy Mendez: Aide
Mr. Randy Mercer: Aide
Ms. Joan Miller: Exceptional Needs, MAP
Mrs. Ellen Naumoff: Study Hall supervisor
Ms. Sarah O'Brien: School counselor

Mrs. Lisa Oommen: School counselor
Mrs. Marianne Orfanos: Secondary Coordinator of Exceptional Needs
Mr. Raymond Palasz : Auditorium Director, Thespians sponsor
Mr. Ryan Popa: Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Preparation for College & Careers, Principles of Business Management
Mrs. Kimberly Peirick: AP Computer Science

Ms. Valerie Pflum: Pre-Calculus, Trigonometry, AP Calc BC, Girls' Soccer coach, Junior CEC sponsor
Mr. Dillon Pierie: Probability and Statistics, Algebra I, ISTEP lab
Ms. Angela Poe: Athletics Assistant secretary
Ms. Beth Raspopovich: Algebra 2, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Softball coach, Junior CEC sponsor
Ms. Brianne Rubesha: Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Girls' JV Basketball coach

Ms. Charity Schmidt: PE
Mr. William Smitka: US History, Boys' & Girls' Golf coach
Mr. Robert Snyder: Assistant Principal
Mr. Steven Stepnoski: AP Composition, English 10, Ultimate Frisbee coach
Mrs. Veronica Stewart: Student Services aide

New job same school

Mr. Brian Clark on being promoted to assistant principal

Story by Summer Gill

The high school had many changes, including getting a record number of new teachers and changes to adminstration. Mr. Brian Clark was recently promoted to assistant principal, was one person at the center of these changes.

"Last year I was the athletic director and towards the end of July, Mr. Wells told me there was an opening," Mr. Clark said. "So they asked me to come in because I had done this about nine years ago, and had some experience."

Amidst all this change, Mr. Clark's responsibilities changed as well.

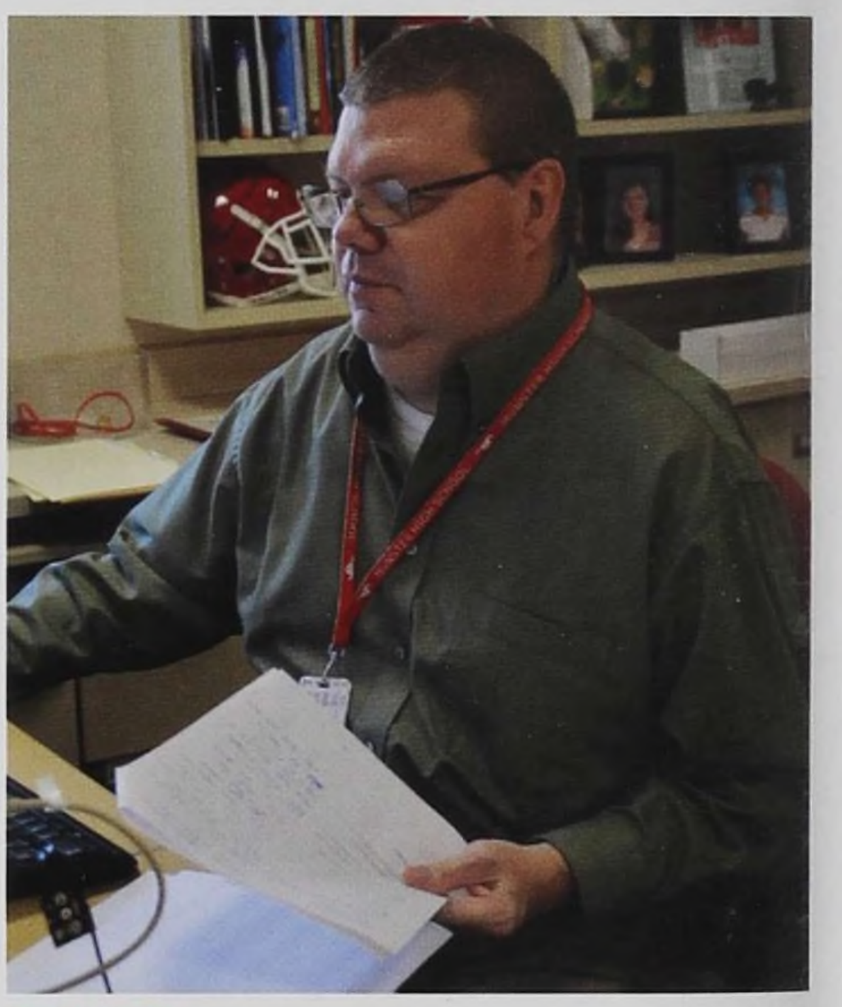
"Now I'm doing discipline, but I'm also evaluating teachers," Mr. Clark said. "I am dealing with issues with attendance where I have to discipline kids and find out if there might have been a mistake on the attendance."

Despite the change, Mr. Clark still helps with the athletic program.

"I still supervise events and help out. It's enjoyable," he said.

Mr. Clark's new job gives him the opportunity to socialize and interact with the students as well.

"I get to make relationships with the kids here," Mr. Clark said. "I didn't get to talk to them as much during the day, but here I get more one-on-one."



Daily duties
In his new office, Mr. Brian Clark, assistant principal, finishes one of his many tasks. He not only dealt with student discipline, but he also evaluated teachers.
Photo by Vanessa Situ

Mrs. Betsy Tanzillo: Media Center assistant
Mrs. Chrisanne Terry: School counselor
Mrs. Olimpia Tienstra: Athletics secretary
Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Bhavani Venkataramanan: Math 10, Algebra 2

Mr. Dusan Vidovic: Algebra I & II, CEC 9
Ms. Dawn Vidt: Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Chemistry Honors
Mrs. Katy Waldrop: Aide
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland: ISTEP Enrichment, English 10, Composition, World Literature, Project X sponsor
Mr. Keegan Whitney: Orchestra

Ms. Victoria Wilson: Athletic Trainer
Mr. Steven Young: Athletic Trainer
Mrs. Valerie Zemaitis: Assistant Principal, SAC sponsor
Mr. Ira Zimmer: Athletic Director

Worldly wisdom

Teachers gives advice to their newer peers

"Just survive. Sometimes that's just what you need to do to get through the days. I had people my first year that were super helpful to me, whether it was giving me supplies or letting me work in their classrooms. They made my year so much more bearable and so I try to do the same for new teachers coming in."

Mrs. Jessica Baird, math teacher

"Have fun in the classroom with your students. Enjoy yourself and develop a passion for educating America's youth."

Mr. Leroy Marsh, science teacher

"Show up. Just show your enthusiasm for the profession every single day. I'm excited to be a teacher. I think it shows in how you express yourself to the students. I try to just become part of the school itself and just enjoy every single day of being here."

Mr. Bob Shinkan, math teacher

Where it all started

Giving a speech at the Hall of Fame, Mr. Bob Shinkan, math teacher, talks about his former dreams of being a teacher. He was a graduate from Munster High School who came back to teach the newer generation.
Photo by Todd McKechnie

Not pictured

Adminstration
Mr. Mike Wells: Principal

Mrs. Jelena Byers: Instructional Coach
Mrs. Tammy Daugherty: Instructional Coach
Mr. Peter Gregory: School counselor
Mrs. Jackie White: School Service provider

Teachers
Mrs. Jessica Baird: Math
Mr. Thomas Barnes: English, English Department Chair
Mr. Mike Coil: Science
Mr. David Dausch: Social Studies
Mr. Jim Davidson: PLTW, Girls' Basketball Coach
Mrs. Kathy Duff: JobSource Advisor
Mr. Mark Knight: Math, NHS, Robotics
Mrs. Despina Liaskos: Business
Mr. Steven Lopez: Social Studies
Mr. James Michalak: Business
Ms. Laura North: Science
Mr. Jim Prasopoulos: Exceptional Needs, Boys' Soccer
Mr. Andrew Robinson: Choir Director
Mrs. Christina Rogers: Science
Ms. Charity Schmidt: Physical Education
Mr. Robert Shinkan: Math, Baseball coach
Mrs. Bridget Speranza: Orchestra director
Mrs. Florencia Stoll: Spanish
Ms. Nicole Storck: Science
Ms. Kristen Szafasz: Social Studies, CEC 12, Civics Club, Cheer
Mrs. Kara Terpstra: Science
Mr. Bret Winternheimer: Band director

Support staff
Ms. Julie Camp: Student Services aide
Mr. Ken Crocilla: Head Custodian
Mrs. Deborah Delooff: Student Services secretary
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance secretary
Mrs. Minnie Martinez, RN: Nurse
Ms. Ally Novotney: Attendance
Mrs. Kristan Reed: Guidance secretary
Mrs. Lisa Wilson: Main Office secretary
Mrs. Dana Ziel: Principal's secretary

Exceptional Needs
Mrs. Jo Cvitkovich: Director of Exceptional Needs
Mrs. Jana Maric: Assistant Director
Ms. Alexandra Arcella: DHH/MI
Ms. Barb Coggins: Assistant to Mrs. Cvitkovich
Ms. Jodi Csepiga: Behaviorist
Ms. Amanda Hudson: Psychologist
Ms. Jeralyn Kroll: Aide
Mrs. Kimberly O'Banion: Aide
Ms. Kim Power: Speech
Ms. Amanda Rak: PASS
Mrs. Kristi Rogers: Aide
Mrs. Judy Sayre: Aide
Ms. Barb Skorupka-Buono: Aide

Central Office
Dr. Jeffrey Hendrix: Superintendent
Dr. Yvonne Stokes: Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Debra Hayes: Assistant to Dr. Hendrix
Mrs. Sherie Breitenbach: Treasurer
Ms. Kelly Bunnell: Benefits
Ms. Margraf Courtney: Assistant
Mr. Bill Melby: Director of Finance
Ms. Tanya Nelson: Transportation
Mr. Jeremy Pozdzal: IT Director
Mrs. Vicki Swing: Payroll
Ms. Krysta Van Kleek: Accounts payable
Mrs. Linda Zaborowski: Deputy treasurer

Food Service
Ms. Tanera Winters: Director
Ms. Beverly Taylor: Assistant director
Ms. Charlene Ownes: Kitchen supervisor

Jon Armstrong
Sean Cleary
Nick Curski

Natalie Ostrow
Camille Renwald
Bethany Van Prooyen

One step ahead graduates discuss STEP Program

Story by Demetrios Fotopoulos

Members of STEP, Student Transition Education Program, at MHS were able to practice doing different jobs while enjoying themselves throughout the year.

"Throughout the day in my job program, we did a lot of really fun things," Camille Renwald, young adult of the STEP program, said.

STEP was designed to help young people with exceptional needs who already graduated high school improve life skills and learn about the workplace.

"I liked getting to work and working at different jobs at the school," Bethany Van Prooyen, young adult of the STEP program, said.

"I had concession stand aid indoors for the field house and outdoors at the field," Nick Curski, young adult of the STEP program, said. "I got to sort the drinks and put them away. It was my favorite job."

The STEP program was a great experience for its participants.

"I loved the program," Bethany said. "It was an activity I could go to every day and not just be bored at home."

How is the STEP program redefining your future?

"This program helps me be more independent. I learn to do everyday jobs. Now I have a job ushering for the Munster Performing Arts Center."

Camille Renwald, age 19

"It helps with independent life skills like folding laundry and washing dishes. We go out into the community like Goodwill and organize shoes."

Natalie Ostrow, age 19

All smiles Before making walking tacos on National Taco Day, Camille Renwald, young adult of the STEP program, gets her hair pulled back by Angela Ortega, senior. **Photo submitted by Stephany Camacho** **Reading ahead** Logging onto Readworks, Stephany Camacho, senior, helps Bethany Van Prooyen, young adult of the STEP program, to pick a book. **Smart cookie** After baking cookies in the Corral, Jonathan Armstrong, young adult of the STEP program, helps Mrs. Kathy Duff bake cookies. **Helping out** While counting the Munster merchandise in the Corral, Natalie Ostrow, young adult of the STEP program, enjoys the smell of the cookies. **Off the charts** Placing his work chart back on the wall, Nick Curski, young adult of the STEP program, comes back from a long day at Goodwill. **Elaborate tablet** To discuss jobs, Sean Cleary, young adult of the STEP program, uses his tablet to talk to Mr. Randy Mercer, STEP program teacher, about his work at Goodwill. **Photos by Angela Ortega**

"We do work like baking cookies in the Corral. That's my favorite. I want to be an artist, and this program helps me try to find jobs like that."

Nick Curski, age 19

"It helps me find job opportunities. We learn to count money correctly, we clean tables everyday, and I shred paper. I like that the most."

Sean Cleary, age 20

"It's helped me get a job. I now work as a busboy at the Munster Performing Arts Center in the dining services. I learn different skills every single day."

Jonathan Armstrong, age 21

"I like learning in this program because I have peer tutors that help me look for different job oppurtunitites."

Bethany Van Prooyen, age 21

How has high school redefined your world?

"I learned that people are full of surprises and, as a result, I shaped genuine, lasting friendships with people I never would have expected."

Hope Meierkort, senior

"I care significantly more about my future. All I wanted to do was play video games, and now I want to go to college, so I guess that's drilled that into my head."

Bradley Jimenez, senior

"High school made me realize that there is always another way. If one way doesn't work, you will find one that does."

Alyssa Meegan, senior

James Adams: MTC 9; Project X 9; Science Olympiad 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; Best Buddies 11-12; Link Crew 11-12
Josef Adams
Kyle Adams: Swimming 9-12
Leila Monique Aesquivel: Spanish Club 12
Grant Afman

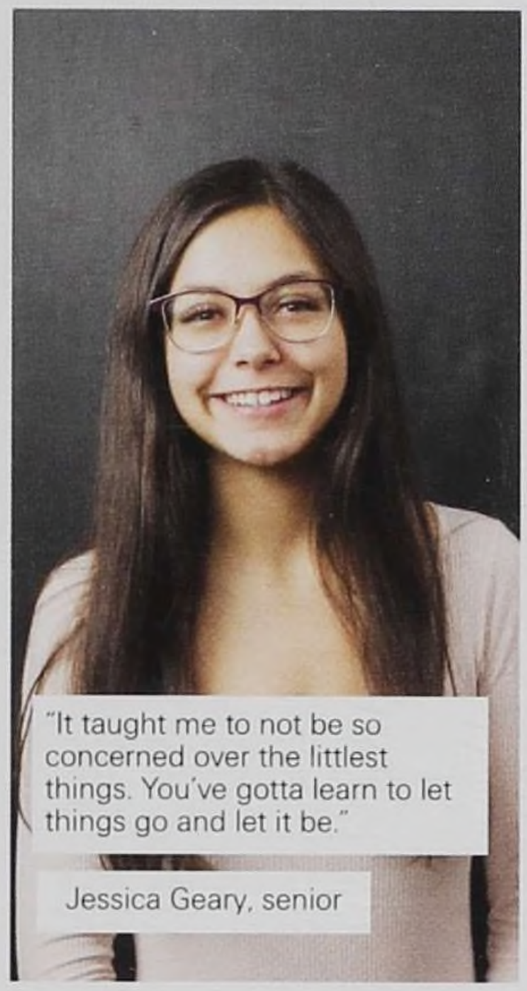
Cristiaan Aguilar: Baseball 9-12; Chorale 10-12
Serena Alamillo
Isabel Alvarez: Best Buddies 9-12 (VP 11)
Serena Alvarez: Marching Band 9-12; Robotics 9-12 (President 11-12); Spanish Club 9-12 (PR 10, VP 11-12); Jazz Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; Link Crew 12; Best Buddies 11; French Club 11
Marco Amatulli

Justin Anderson
Bianca Andrzejewski: Color Guard 9-11; ASL Club 12
Alisandra Annunziata
Gillian Archer: MTC 9-12; Best Buddies 10-12; SONG 11-12; Creative Writing Club 10
Max Arnold: Soccer 9-12; Track & Field 9-12

Elijah Atkins
Luke Aune: French Club 11; Track & Field 11-12
Diana Ayala
Christopher Badali
Emily Badynski: Spanish Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-10; Cheerleading 10

"Before I felt that I was kind of on my own to figure things out, but I learned that people are willing to help you grow and learn, even if it sacrifices some of their time."

Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, senior



"It taught me to not be so concerned over the littlest things. You've gotta learn to let things go and let it be."

Jessica Geary, senior

"I think it's kind of boring going through high school only having a select group of friends, so I really opened up throughout the years."

Roman Garcia, senior

"It redefined my way of thinking by making me curious about the world. My head is now constantly filled with questions about almost everything."

Antonia Linnane, senior

Nicole Baginski: Color Guard 9; Winter Guard 9; Track 9-12
Lucas Barath: Chorale 10-12 (Section Leader 12); SING 11-12; eSports 10-12
Maxwell Barath: Chorale 10-12; SING 12
Jacobus Barnard: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Track & Field 9, 11-12; Project X 9-12; Cross Country 10; NHS 11-12
Kyle Basile

Alyssa Bass: Crier 10-12 (Managing Editor 12)
David Bastos: Band 9; Science Olympiad 10-12; TEAMS 10, 12; ASB 10-12
Joshua Batur: Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12
Amanda Beaudouin: Creative Writing 9; French Club 9-12; Orchestra 9-10; Cheer 10; MTC 11-12; SONG 11; NHS 12; Link Crew 11; HOSA 10; GSA 9; STAND 9-12
Gillian Bedenk: Cheerleading 9-12

Steven Biegel
Benjamin Blaesing: Band 9; Orchestra 11-12; Track & Field 9-12; Swimming 9; Cross Country 10-11
Maria Blaesing
Faith Blair: Project X 9-12; Volleyball 9-10; NHS 11-12; CEC 11-12
Riley Boudreau: French Club 10-11

Michael Bowers
Emma Bozic: Chorale 12; Ping Pong Club 10
Imani Brown
Lilia Brunetti: ASB 10-12; CEC 11; GSA 10-12; (Secretary 11); French Club 9-12 (President 11-12); Environmental Club 12; Link Crew, 11; SAC 11; Paragon 10; Crier 11-12 (Design Editor, 12); NHS 11-12; Project X 9-10,12; Science Olympiad 10; Student Government 10,12 (PR 12); Speech & Debate, 9, 12; TEAMS 12; MTC 10, 12. Philosophy Club 12
Mikala Bryant

Erin Bryce: Swimming 9-12; Theatre 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-11, ASL Club 10-12; CEC 11-12
Samantha Buffano: Cross Country 9-11; Swimming- 9-12; Track 9-10; Choral 12
Max Buka: Civics Club 10-12 (Secretary 11); Project X 10-12; DECA 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Tennis 9-10; Jewish Culture Club (Founder) 12; CEC 10-12; Link Crew 12; NHS 11-12; Student Government 9
Zoe Burnett: Choir 9-1; Art Club 9-11; GSA 10; Chorale 12
Joseph Burns

Maddison Butler
Maguire Butler
Mary Elizabeth Calgaro: Cheerleading 9-12
Stephany Camacho: Speech & Debate Team 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; Ping Pong Club 11-12; MTC 10,12; Project X 12; Environmental Club 12
Lorena Campos: Environmental Club 12; Spanish Club 10-12; ASL Club 10-11; Project X 12; Ping Pong Club 11-12

Fabian Carlos: eSports 9-11
Xander Carrillo
Annalicia Carrillo-Luna: Color Guard 9-12 (captain 12); Winter Guard 9-12; French Club 9-10
Ariana Casas: Spanish Club 10-12; ASL Club 9-12; MTC 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-11
Patricia Castro

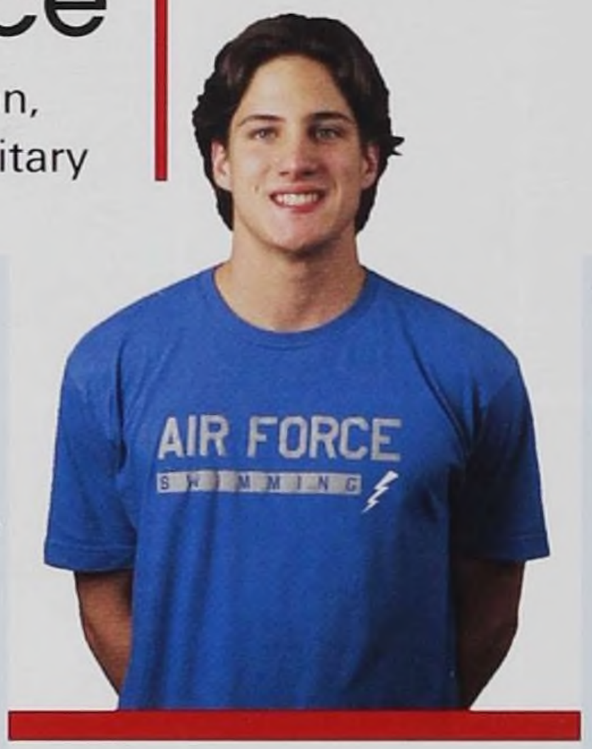
Matthew Certa: Project X 9-12; Best Buddies (Walk Coordinator) 11-12; Speech & Debate 12; Spanish club 9-11; Football 9-10; DECA 9-10; Link Crew 11-12; CEC 11; Unified Track 11-12
Caroline Chael: Cross Country 9; Track 9; Project X 9; French Club 9-12 (President 11); Science Olympiad 9-12; CEC 9-12; ASB 10-12; TEAMS 10-12; Chorale 10-12; Theater 12; NHS 12; Philosophy Club 12
Michael Chamberlain
Christian Chandler
Melina Chioros

Seeking service

Luke Hermansen and Grant Afman, seniors, talk about joining the military

Q. What drew you towards the Marine Corps as a child?

A. I was always intrigued by the idea of someone standing and fighting for something greater than himself, willing to give his life for his family, his country or even his ideals. This idea of fighting for the greater good is why I love superheroes so much, and to me marines are real life super heroes.



Q. Are there any fears that you have for your future in the Air Force?

A. Everyone has the fear of getting deployed when in the military. I'm sure when I get to that point in my career I'll be scared, but as of right now that doesn't scare me. The fact of being deployed to a war zone gives me a sense of determination and patriotism and it motivates me to do my part.

Aidan Chism: Speech & Debate 9-12 (VP 11); Civics Club 10-12; Orchestra 9
Olivia Choros: Project X 9-10; Spanish Club 10-11; Soccer 9-12; DECA 9-12; NHS 11-12
Cooper Christiansen
Stephanie Cipowski-Smith: Spanish Club 9,11; Project X 9; DECA 9-12; Soccer 9-12 (Captain 12); Basketball 9-10; Track & Field 9-12; Link Crew 12; NHS 11-12
Gavin Clark: Marching Band 9-12; Winter Percussion 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12

Mollie Clark: Project X 10-11; CEC 10-12; Athletic Trainer 10-12; Link Crew 11-12; Best Buddies 10-12 (Officer 12); NHS 11-12; DECA 11-12; Track 9-12
Daniel Clements: Football 9
David Cohen: Marching Band 8-12; Wind Ensemble 8-12; Jazz Band 8-11; Orchestra 9-11; Speech 12; Spanish Club 10
Fotios Collaros: Orchestra 9-12
Dorcas Cooper

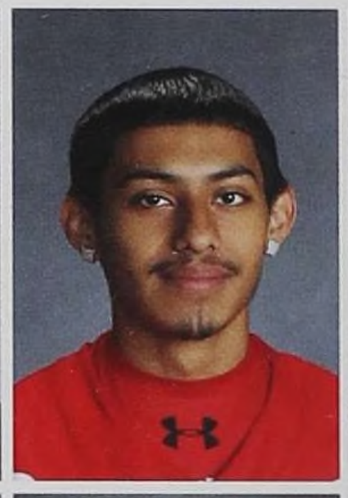
Natalia Coronel-Espinal: Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Winter Percussion 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11; French Club 11
Matthew Cortez: Art Club 10-12 (VP 11, President 12)
Shannon Coughlin: Softball 10; MTC 10-12; Chorale 10-12; SONG 11-12
John Cronin: Art Club 9-12(VP 12); Spanish Club 11-12
Ava Cundiff

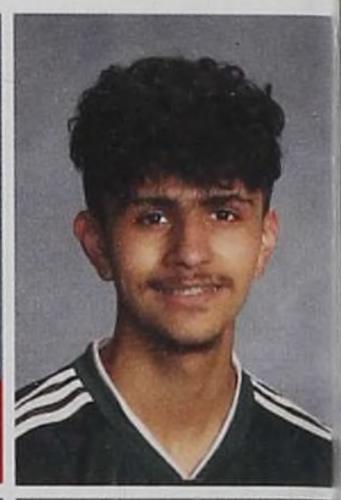
Leila Damianos
Adam Daniels: Baseball 9-12; Project X 9-11; Ping Pong Club 10; DECA 11-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10; Basketball 9
Emily Dato: Best Buddies 9; Project X 9-11; Spanish Club 10-12; Softball 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Cross Country 9; NHS 11-12; CEC 9-12
Melody Deering: Spanish Club 10
Jamie DeJoan: Dance Team 9-10; Chorale 10-12; Speech & Debate 12

Giovanni Del Real
Jonathan Del Real: Spanish Club 10-12 (PR 12); Tennis Club 10; ASL Club 10
Maria Delis: Spanish Club 11-12; Project X 11-12; ASL Club 11-12; Tennis Team 9-12; Civics Club 11-12; CEC 11-12
Edward Demars: Speech & Debate 9; eSports 10-12; Robotics 11-12 (Committee Head 12)
Nolan DiCarlo

Skyler Dickeson
George Dimopoulos: Speech & Debate Team 9-12 (Captain 11-12), (VP 12); Philosophy Club 12 (Founder 12); Student Government 12 (Secretary 12); Civics Club 9-12 (VP 11, President 12); Ping Pong Club 9-12 (President10-12); TEAMS 10; DECA 10-12; Link Crew 12; Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12
Benjamin Dodge: Tennis 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 9-12; Speech & Debate 9-12
Jason Donovan
Michael Dywan: Football 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Chorale 10-12

Emily Eisha: Choir 9-12; CEC 10-12; Project X 10-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Basketball 9-12; Track & Field 9-12
Alayna Eismin: Cheer 9-12; NHS 11-12
Nicholas Eng: Football 9-12 (Captain 12); Baseball 9; Speech & Debate 12; DECA
Ruben Espinosa: Football 9-12
Fernando Estrada



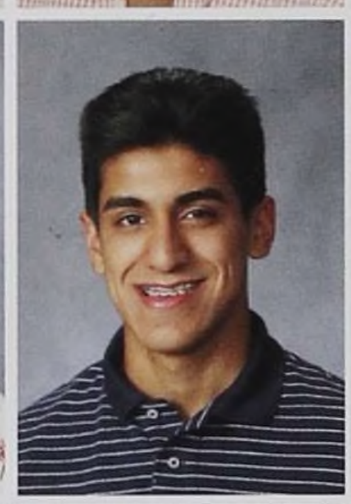


Alisha Evans: Art Club 9; ASL Club 11
Kemper Fane
Noel Fary
Mira Fefferman
Donald Fesko: Tennis 9-12; Golf 10-12; Project X 9-12; Ping Pong 9-10; Link Crew 11

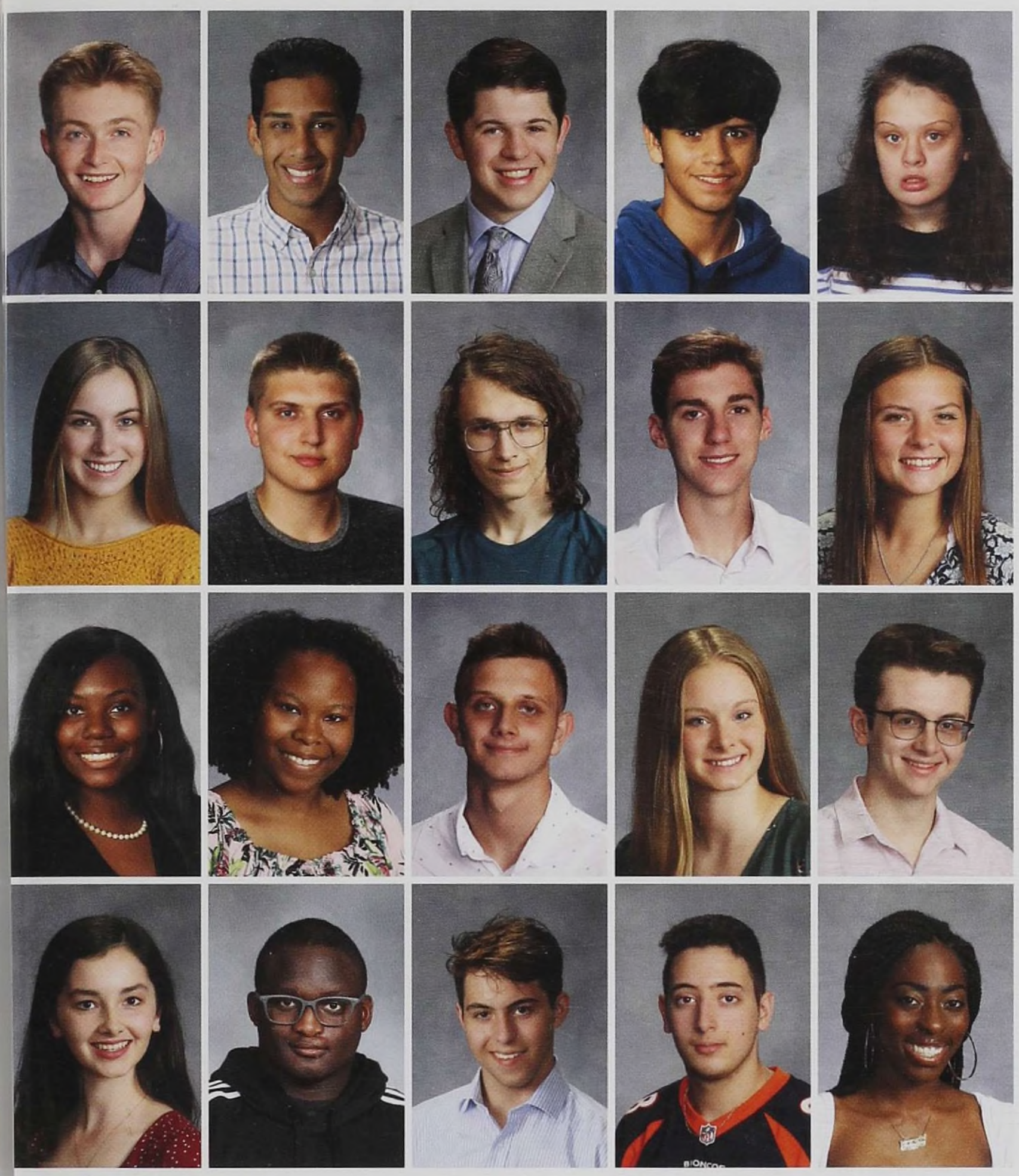
Anya Fitzpatrick: Science Olympiad 10-12 (Captain 11-12); Best Buddies 11-12; ASB 10-12; Figure Skating 9-12; TEAMS 10,12; CEC 10-12; French Club 10-11; Spanish Club 11-12; Link Crew 12; NHS 11-12; Snowflurry 9-12; Speech & Debate 9-10
Anne Marie Foreit: Project X 9-12 (Executive council 11); Spanish Club 9-12; Civics Club 10-12; CEC 10-12; NHS 11-12
Joshua Foreit
Jalenn Fortier
Hannah Foster: Project X 11-12; Volleyball 9-12; Softball 10; Spanish Club 10

Kenyah Foster: Cheer 11-12; Enviromental Club 12
Sydney Foster: Volleyball 9-12; Softball 10; Project X 11-12; Spanish Club 10
Alphonzo Franks
Michael Fugger: Speech & Debate 11; Chorale 12
Ana Gaither: Project X 9-11; Soccer 9 & 12; DECA 10-12; NHS 11-12; DARE Role Model 11; Snow Flurry 10-12; Link Crew 11

Peter Gallagher
Jenny Garcia
Roman Garcia: Soccer 10-12 (Captain 12); Track 9,12; Spanish Club 9,12; DECA 12; Jewish Culture Club 12; Speech & Debate 12; Snow Flurry 11-12; Link Crew12
Jennifer Garcia Tirado
Brooke Gardiner



Collin Garmon: ASB 10-12; Link Crew 11-12
Jessica Geary: Softball 9
Timothy Giannini: Basketball 9-12; Soccer 9-12; Chorale 10-12; SING 11-12
Ethan Gill
Summer Gill: Project X 10-12; Best Buddies 11; Creative Writing Club 12; Poetry Club 12; Paragon 12; Enviromental Club 12



Dawson Ginaven
Tarunveer Girn
Benjamin Goldman: GSA 9-10; Ping Pong Club 9-10; Civics Club 11-12; Philosophy Club 12; Jewish Culture Club 12; CEC 11-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12
Frank Gomez
Hannah Gossman

Grace Gozdecki: DECA 9-12; Golf 9-12; Civics Club 10-12; Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; NHS 11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Student Government 9-10; Speech & Debate 9-10; CEC 12
Zachary Grabelle: Chorale 10-12
Bradley Gregson
Caleb Grennan
Madilyn Griegel: DECA 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-10

Kayla Gruber: Tennis 9-10; Best Buddies 9-11; Project X 12; CEC 12; eSports 12; Snowflurry 9-11
Jaelyn Guiton: ASL Club 9-12; Speech & Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; Read & White Club 12
Brenden Guthrie
Elizabeth Hanas: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 12); Project X 10-12; CEC 11-12; Best Buddies 12
Benjamin Hand

Sophie Hand: Science Olympiad 10-12 (Captain 11-12); Cross Country 11-12 (Captain 12); ASB 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; French Club 11; Project X 9-12; Link Crew 11-12; Orchestra Council 10-11; NHS 11-12; CEC 10-12
Jay Harris
Riley Harris
Salaheldean Hassan
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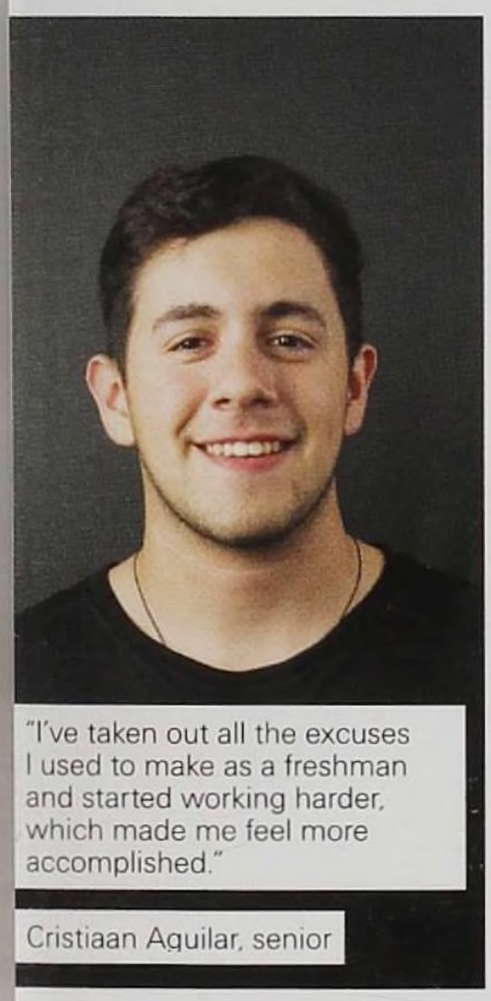


"I've taken out all the excuses I used to make as a freshman and started working harder, which made me feel more accomplished."

Cristiaan Aguilar, senior

"The first year of high school, I joked around and didn't care. But after, I realized this is real and made myself more mature."

Patricia Castro, senior

"I redefined myself by becoming an outgoing person who likes to help other students out. The first two years of high school, I wasn't outgoing, but as soon as time went on I got better."

Frankie Gomez, senior

How has high school redefined your world?

Robert Hawk
Deven Hawkins: Track & Field 9-12; Speech & Debate 9-12; Tennis 10; Project X 11-12; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong Club 10; Civics Club 12
Camryn Hayes: MTC 9-12; Chorale 12; CEC 10
Jorianna Hazel: Track 9-12; Crier 10; Cheer 10-12; ASL Club 12; Choir 10; Chorale 11-12
Grace Helmer

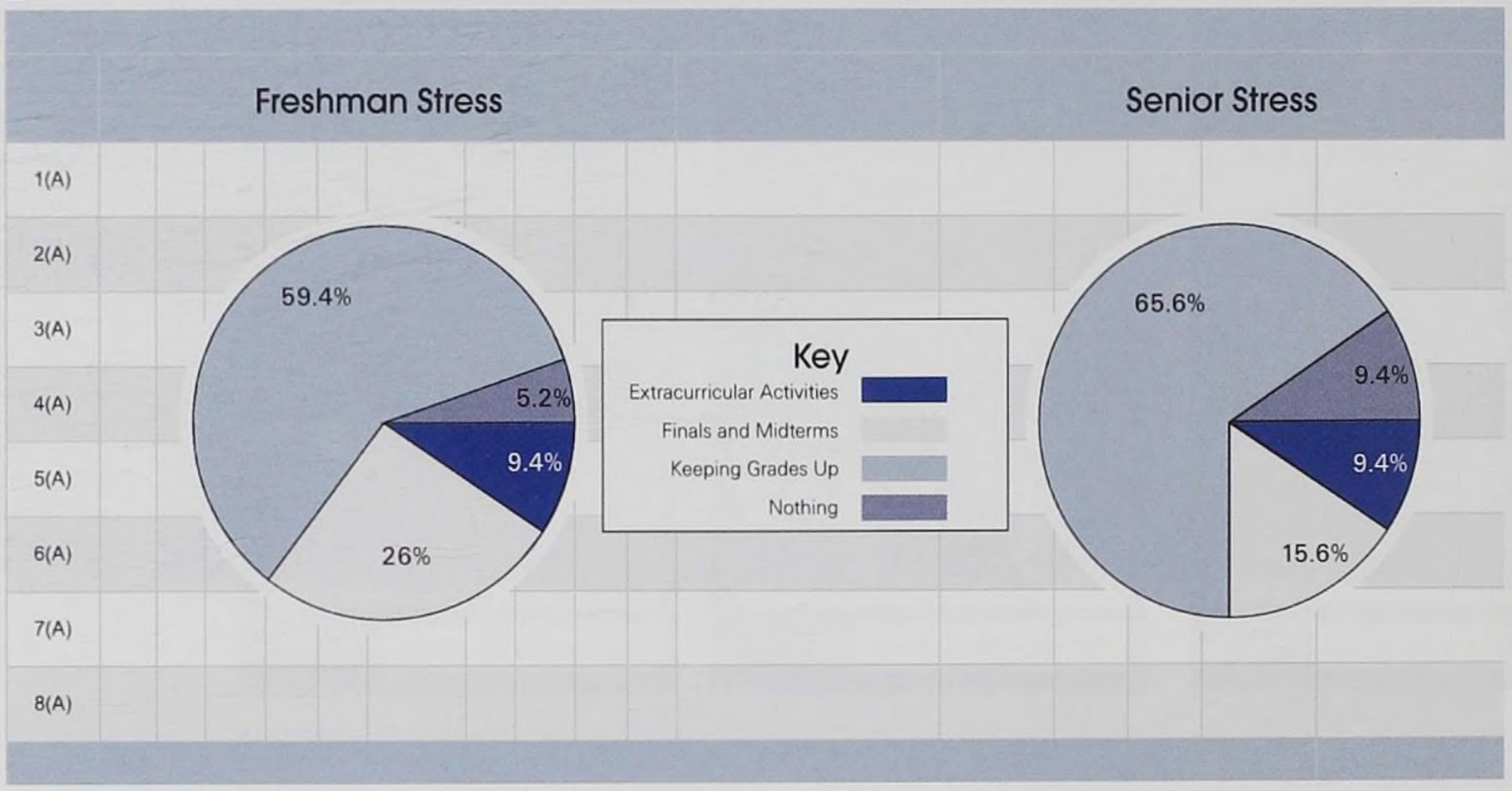
Jeffrey Hemmelgarn: Project X 11-12; Basketball 11-12; Ultimate Frisbee 12; NHS 11-12
Amir Henderson: Spanish Club 11-12; Project X 10; Track & Field 10-12; Football 12; Orchestra 9-12
Luke Hermansen
Nicolas Hernandez
Emma Higgason: Project X 9-12 (President 12); Speech & Debate 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Soccer 9-10; Cross Country 11; NHS 12; Link Crew 11-12

Charles Hofferth: Crier 11-12; Paragon 12 (Publications Director of Photography 12)
Michael Holvey
Nikolai Hoogewerf: French Club 9-11; Symphony Orchestra 9-12; MTC 10-12; Orchestra Council 9-12 (President 12)
Shane Hoogewerf: Drumline 9-11; Winter Percussion 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Battle of the Bands 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12
William Hoop: Project X 10-12; Football 9-10; DECA 11-12; Speech 12; Civics Club 11-12

Nicholas Ibarra
Clarissa Iwachiw: Volleyball 9-10; CEC 9-12; Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 11-12
Mirela Jeknic: Golf Team 9-12 (Captain 12); Poetry Club 10-12; Art Club 10-12; French Club 9-12; Link Crew 11-12; Snow Flurry 11-12; Environmental Club 12
Dayanara Jimenez
Bradley Jimenez Medina

A mess of stress

With PowerSchool as a background inflicting stress, surveyed seniors were asked, "In which way has your stress changed over the past four years?"



Survey of 97 seniors on Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Justin Joens: Diving 9-10
Amanda Jonquet: Chorale 11-12; SONG 12; MTC 9-12 (President 12); Auditorium Staff 9-12
Lindsey Katalinic: Cheer 9-12; NHS 11-12
Paul Katona
Timothy Kaufman: MTC 9-12

Kyle Kaufmann: Soccer 9-12; DECA 11-12; Jewish Cultural Club 12
Abdulaziz Kehail: Project X 12
Imani Kemp
Eric King
Adam Klaich: Crier 10-12 (Design Editor 12); Speech & Debate 9-10; Cross Country 9-10; Track 9, 11-12; DECA 11-12; Project X12

Alex Kojich: Theater 9-10; Crier 10; ASL Club 10; Football Manager 12; Baseball Manager 12
Creighton Kooy
Layna Kounelis: Dance 9-12; CEC 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Speech & Debate 9
Madeline Kozy: Best Buddies 10-12 (Secretary 11, VP 12); Project X 9-12; ASL Club 10-12 (VP 12); NHS 11-12; Link Crew; Cheer 9
Tyler Krucina

Daniel Kruse
Krishna Lakshmanamurthy: Spanish Club 9-12; Project X 10-12; Basketball 9-10; eSports 10-12
Chloe Lambert: JV Cheer 9; French Club 9-11; Project X 10-11; Paragon 10-12 (Chief Photographer 11, Head Photographer 12); CEC 11; NHS 11-12; Best Buddies 11-12; Link Crew 12
Samuel Lash: Soccer 9-11; Track & Field 9-12
Sage Lazzara

Running late, are you?

A morning in the life: Brooke Gardiner, senior, is frequently known for running late with a cup of coffee in hand. Brooke shared her step by step morning schedule to display, the life of a teen on the go.

6:40 - 6:45 a.m.
Wake up and get moving

6:40 a.m.
Fifth alarm goes off

6:50 - 7:10 a.m.
Get dressed and moving

7:20 a.m.
Leave house

7:20 - 7:29 a.m.
Drive to Starbucks and order a grande iced chai tea with light ice

7:30 - 7:34 a.m.
Quickly drive to parking spot in north

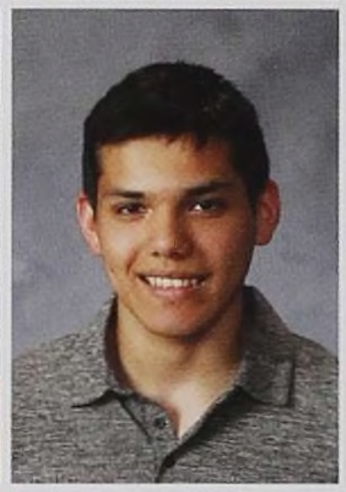
7:35 - 7:40 a.m.
Get to first hour as as possible

A need for caffine
Every morning, students rush into school with a coffee like Brooke's grande iced chai tea with light ice in one hand and their bag in another.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Lillian Lemke
Phillip Lemke
Alexander Lesinski
Cole Lesinski: Football 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Snowflurry 10-12; Link Crew 11-12; Philosophy Club 12
Ethan Lieser

Evan Lieser
Alexis Lindenmayer: Crier 11-12 (Editor in Chief 12); CEC 9-12; Project X 10-12; Softball 9-10; NHS 11-12
Leonard Linn
Antonia Linnane: Project X 9-12; CEC 9-12; Spanish Club 9,10,12; Track 10; NHS 12
Myles Lockett-Peterson

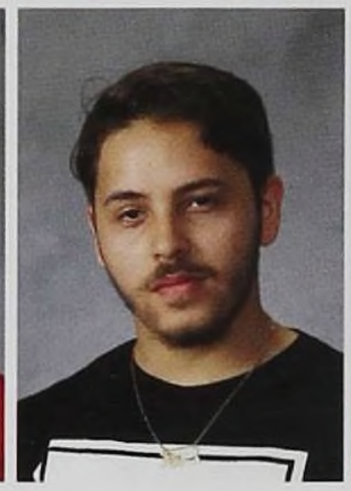
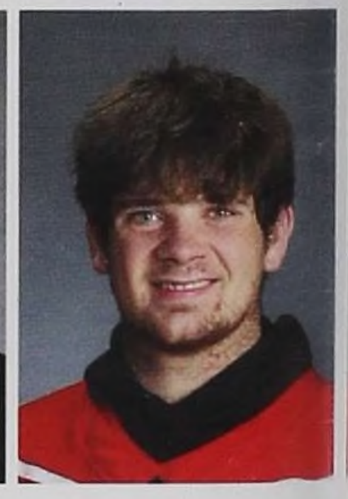
Valeria Magana: Spanish Club 10,12; Choir 9-12
Emily Malave: Dance 9; Marching Band 9-12
Robert Maldonado
Victor Mancha: Basketball 9-10(Manager 11-12); Baseball 9,12; Football 9
Ilija Manojlovic: Marching Band 8-12 (Section Leader 12); Concert Band 8; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Swimming 9-12



Andrew Manous
Serena Marsh: Best Buddies 9-11 (President 11); Football Manager 9-12; Athletic Trainer 9-10
Keith Martin
Isaiah McCriston
Delaney McGinty: Basketball 9-12; Volleyball 9; Softball 10; DECA 10,12; CEC 11-12; Civics Club 11-12; NHS 11-12

Caleb McKeever: Band 9-10; NHS 11-12; Football 12
Antonio Medina
Alyssa Meegan: ASL Club 10-12; Link Crew 11-12
Hope Meierkort: French Club 9-11; Project X 12; Ultimate Frisbee Club 12
William Melby

Israel Melendez
Belinda Mendoza
Oliver Meraz: Cross Country 9-12; Track & Field 9-12; NHS 11-12
Jeremiah Merlos
Ronan Meyer: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Speech 9; DECA 10-12

Melinda Michalski: Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 10; Swimming 9-12; Band 9-12; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12; Philosophy Club 12; Orchestra 12; CEC 10-12; Winter Percussion 10-12
Camille Miles: Basketball 9-10
Dimitrios Miles
Haley Mize-Block: Swim Team 9-11; Intermediate Choir 9-10; eSports 11-12 (VP 11, President 12); ASL Club11; Softball 9
Adam Mohrs

Anthony Montella: eSports 10-12; Best Buddies 9-12
Esperanza Moreno
Lenore Moreno: Project X 9,10,12; Spanish Club 11-12; ASL Club 12
Lauren Morris: Marching Band 9-12; Project X 9-12; French Club 9-12; Art Club 9-12; Crier 11-12; NHS 11-12; ASB 11-12
Sami Muhrez: Speech 9-12; Student Government 9-12 (VP 12); Tennis 10-12

Maysa Musleh: Project X 11-12
Alyssa Nahnsen: Student Government 10-12 (President 12); Cross Country 9-12 (Captain 12); Track 9-12 (Captain 12); CEC 9-12; Speech 9-12 (VP 12); Spanish Club 9-12; Link Crew 11-12; Orchestra 9-10; NHS 12
Natalie Naumoff
Esperanza Navarro: Color Guard 9; JV Cheer 9-11 (captain 10-11); Track & Field 9-12; French club 9-10
Benjamin Nelson

Juliana Nelson: Soccer 9-12; ASL Club 11-12
Kari Nero: Track 11-12
Kiari Nero: Best Buddies 10; Debate; 10-12; Track & Field 11-12; SAC 11; Gold Star Guidance Advisory Council 11-12; Student Government 12; NHS 11-12; Civics Club 12; CEC 12
Olivia Newman: NHS 11-12; Soccer 9-10; Track 9; DECA 10-12; CEC 11-12; Civics Club 11-12; Project X 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11
Stephanie Niemiec: Dance 9-11; Project X 9; Chorale 10,12; French Club 11-12; CEC 11; SADD 11; Civics Club 11; MTC 12; ASL Club 12; TEAMS 12; NHS 12

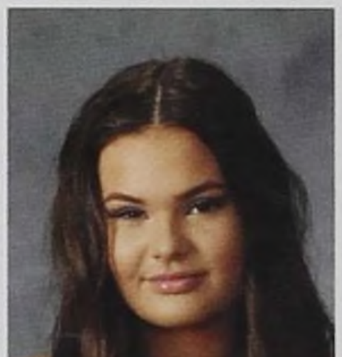
Dharma Niles
Joshua Noisette: Football 10,12; Ping Pong 10; Link Crew 10
Ronald Nowak
Mary Anne O'Brien: ASL Club 12, Poetry Club 9-12
Jackson O'Dea: Chorale 12; eSports 12; SING 12

Sean O'Rourke: Paragon 11-12; CEC 11-12; Track 9; Link Crew 12; Snow Flurry 10-12; Enviromental Club 12
Zoe O'Shaughnessy: Marching Band 10-12 (Drum major 11-12); French Club 9-11; Orchestra 9,11; Link Crew 11-12; Crier 11; Winter Percussion 10; Wind Ensemble 9-12;
Hazem Ojel
Brendan Olson
Angela Ortega: Best Buddies 12; Philosophy Club 12; Paragon 12; Spanish Club 9-10; Snowflurry 10-12; Enviromental Club 12

Ann Ostojic: Intel ISEF 9, Mathcon National Finalist 9, Student Government 9-11, NCWIT 9-11, Regional and State Science Fair 9-11, Governor's STEM Team 11, NHS11, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society 9-12
Jude Ouyuon: Spanish Club 9-12 (Secretary 12); Project X 9-12; DECA 9-12; SADD 11; CEC 11; HOSA 10;
Kenil Pachani: Marching Band 9-10; Speech & Debate 9; Tennis 11-12
Kristina Pamucar
Giovanni Paniagua

Ronav Panigrahi: Tennis 9-11; Debate 9-11; DECA 9-12; Project X 9-11; Civics Club 10-11
Mianna Papageorge: Color Guard 9; Cheer 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; Spanish Club 12
Lola Fay Papanikolaou: Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 10-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9-10; Swimming 9-10,12; Orchestra 9-12
Leah Patterson: Spanish Club 10; French Club 10-12; Project X 10-12; Robotics 10-12 (Officer 11-12); Poetry Club 9-11; NHS 11-12
Iris Peck

Kaela Percak
Chase Persic: Project X 9,11; Softball 9
Michael Peters: Spanish Club 11-12
Arial Petersen
Katarina Petrovic: Project X 9-12, Civics Club 10-12, CEC Club 11-12, SADD Club 11, Spanish Club 9-10
Arianna Pina: Choir 9-11; Color Guard 9-11; Winter Guard 9-11
Sophia Porter: Basketball 9; Soccer 9-10; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12; DECA 11-12; CEC 11-12; Internship 12
Christian Portone: Civics Club 9-11; SADD 10-11; ASL 11 (PR 11); CEC Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; Environmental Club 12; Project X 9; Speech & Debate 9
Cole Portone: NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9; ASL Club 11; Civics Club 9-12; Project X 9-10; Link Crew 11; Basketball 9; DECA 10-12
Emme Poulston: Project X 11; ASL Club 11; Volleyball 9-10; Basketball 10; Swimming 11-12; DECA 11 Link Crew 12 Powder Puff 11-12; Speech & Debate 9; Auditorium Staff 12.



Twin takes

Senior twins talk about how their relationships have been redefined

Helping Hands Discussing the events in their Spanish class, Sophie and Ben Hand, seniors, laugh at the end of the day. The Hands were both part of Science Olympiad and they participated in different activities, such as Choir and Cross Country. "Since freshmen year, we have both joined more clubs which have helped us both become more social and have enabled us to make new friends," Sophie said. **Forever Fosters** In attempt to make her twin sister, Sydney Foster, senior, laugh, Hannah Foster, senior, gives her bunny ears. The twins both played Volleyball and worked together. "Sometimes we get annoyed, but then we just stop talking for like two hours and then everything goes back to normal, like it never happened," Hannah said. **Photos by Chloe Lambert**

Talk to the Hands

"I think we have definitely grown as separate people just from us both doing a variety of different clubs and classes, and this has made our relationship evolve as well."

Sophie Hand, 12

"Over the past four years, my personality has become a lot more chill than it was during freshman year. Based on that, I would definitely say we were more alike freshman year.

Ben Hand, 12

Take it from the Fosters

"Because we're in different classes we just make different friends so sometimes in the hall one of us will say 'hi' to someone and the other one of us is confused because we had no idea they talked. It's kind of cool to see who the other person talks to when you're not around."

Sydney Foster, 12

"We're way more mature than we were freshman year and that kind of made us closer. You'd think as a twin we'd always tell each other everything but that wasn't really the case until recently."

Hannah Foster, 12

Payton Poulston: Dance 9-12; Speech & Debate 9; DECA 9; CEC 10-12; Project X 11-12
Payton Powe
Claire Powell: GSA 9-10; Poetry Club 10-11; French Club 9-10; Chorale 11-12; Color Guard 9-12; Winter Guard 9-12; Concert Band 9; Theatre 10-11
Patricia Proctor: Spanish Club 10-12; Project X 10-11; CEC 10-11; Track & Field 9, 11; Basketball 9; ASL Club 11; Civics Club 11-12; DECA 10; Link Crew 12
Elizabeth Pucher: French Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-10

Holden Raffin: Swimming 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Project X 9-12; Jewish Cultural Club 12; DECA 10; Speech & Debate 9
Grace Rau
Dominick Reda
April Roberts: Student Government 9-12; Project X 9-12 (Executive Council 11-12); NHS 11-12; CEC 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Athletic Trainer 10-11; Link Crew 11-12
Maria Rodriguez

Trinity Rodriguez: eSports 10-11
Joseph Rogers
William Rojas
Yalissa Rubio: ASL Club 12; Track 10; Cheer 10-11; Intermediate Choir 9-10
Abbey Ruckert: Dance 9-12; Project X 10-11; Link Crew 11-12; Civics Club 11-12

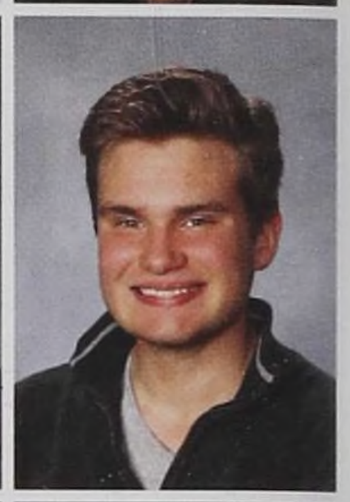
Daisy Ruiz
Delilah Salazar
Saranya Sanaka: Speech 9-12; Art Club 11-12; Poetry Club 11; Creative Writing Club 11-12 (Co-President 12); ASL Club 11-12; Science Olympiad 11-12; TEAMS 10,12; ASB 10-12; Book Club 11-12
Isabella Scalzo: Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 10-12; CEC 9-12; DECA 11-12; Link Crew 12; NHS 11-12
Mina Schuler

Oliver Segvich: Band 9–12; Orchestra 11-12
Kristin Sell: Project X 9-11
Daniel Senisais: Baseball 9-10; Basketball 9-10
Kaleb Sepanski
Safoora Shad: Project X 10-11; ASL Club 10-12

Ami Shah: DECA 9-12; HOSA 10; Project X 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; SADD 10-11; Best Buddies 10-11; Civics Club 10-12; CEC 10-11; NHS 11-12;
Madelyn Sharp: Volleyball 9-10; Spanish Club 10; CEC 11-12
James Shelton: Chorale 10-12; MTC 9-12
Rimsha Siddiqui: DECA 9-12; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12; CEC 11; ASL Club 11-12; SADD 11-12
Mehak Sidhu

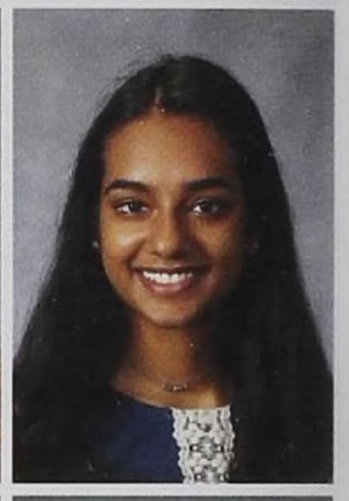
Presley Simpson
Costa Sirounis: DECA 11-12; Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9; Speech & Debate 9
Henry Sklar: Marching Band 9-12 (Center Snare 11-12); Jazz Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Winter Percussion 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; School Musical Percussion 10-11; Ultimate Frisbee 12 (PR 12); NHS 12; SAC 11-12
Aidan Smith: Speech & Debate 9; Swimming 9-12; CEC 11-12; Jewish Cultural Club 12; Link Crew 12
Christopher Smith: Track 10-12

Ava Sopcic: Project X 10-12; Volleyball 9-10; CEC 10-12
Kristina Sosic
Uriel Soto: Lacrosse 9-11
John Stanko
Jack Stork: Choir 9; Chorale 10-12; SING 9-12; MTC 9-11; Paragon 11-12; Speech & Debate 9-11



Carli Strbiak
Emma Stricker: Soccer 9; Speech & Debate 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12 (President 12); Civics Club 9-11; DECA 10-12; Project X 9-11; Jewish Culture Club 12; NHS 11-12
John Sullivan: Speech 9-12; Chorale 10-12; SING 9-12; MTC 9-11
Michael Svolos
Andrew Synko

Shalini Tallamraju: Tennis 9-12 (Captain 11-12); Speech & Debate 9, CEC 10-11; Project X 10-11; NHS 12
Haley Tate: Spech & Debate 10; Project X 10-11; CEC 12
Robert Tengdin: Speech & Debate 9-12; eSports 10-12,
Clara Terry: Cheer 9; Track 9-12; MTC 9-12; CEC 9-12; DECA 9-12; Student Athletic Trainer 10-12; HOSA 10; Best Buddies 11-12 (Associate Director 12); Student Government 11-12 (PR 12); ASL Club 11-12; NHS 11-12
Srija Thipirneni: French Club 9-12; GSA 9-10; Tennis 9-10; Marching Band 9-11;Creative Writing Club 9-12; Science Olympiad 10-11



Garrett Tienstra
Lucy Torres: Color Guard 9; Softball 9; Speech & Debate 9; Project X 10-12; CEC 11-12; Paragon 12; Enviromental Club 12; Powder Puff 11-12; Snow Flurry 12
Milena Trivunovic: Marching Band 7-12 (Section Leader 9-12); Winter Percussion 8-12 (Captain 10-12); Poetry Club 9-12; Theatre 9-10 ; Orchestra 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; CEC 11-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12
Isabella Trull
Mia Tumacder

Tyler Tyson
Alyssa Valadez: Marching Band 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; CEC 11-12; Best Buddies 11-12
Michael Van Deursen
Skylar Van Ermen: Cheer 9-10; DECA 10-12; Project X 11-12; Link Crew 11-12
Ariel Velasco: Theatre 9-12 (VP 12); Spell Bowl 9; Environmental Science Club 9; French Club 9-12; Speech & Debate 10; Snow Flurry 11; NHS 12; Chorale 10-12; SING 10-12

Gina Vellutini: SADD 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; Project X 10; CEC 12; Environmental Club 12
Kathir Venkat: Tennis 9-12; Debate 9-12 (Treasurer 11); DECA 9-12; NHS- 11-12
Kya Vesa
Emilia Vezmar
Willow Via

Vanessa Villarreal: CEC 12
Collin Vukadinovich
Anthony Wallace: Football 9-12
Casey Wallace: Creative Writing Club 10-12; Speech & Debate 9; Project X 9-11; French Club 9-12; GSA 10; Art Club 11-12; eSports 12; Orchestra 9-12
Laila Wallace

Mitchell Walsh: Chorale 9-12 (Section Leader 12); SING 9-12; Choir 9-10,12; MTC 9-11 (Secretary/Treasurer 10-11); Auditorium Staff 9-11 (Stage Manager 10-11); ASL Club 12; Poetry Club 12
Courtney Warner
Joseph Webster: Project X 10-12; DECA 10-12; Philosophy Club 12; Jewish Cultural Club 12; Tennis 9-12; NHS 11-12
Jonathan Wesley
Drew Westland

Jacob Whitaker
Daija Williams
Mercedez Williams: Crier 10-12 (Executive Editor 12); eSports 12; Creative Writing Club 12
Ashley Wills: CEC 9-12; Choir 9-12; Spanish Club 10-12; ASL Club 11-12; Project X 11-12; Speech & Debate 11; Link Crew 12
Hazel Wolf: Project X 9-11 (Executive Council 11); Spanish Club 10; Civics Club 10-11; HOSA 10; Philosophy Club 12; Tennis 9-11 (Captain 11); Volleyball 9-12 (Captain 10-12); Link Crew 11-12; DARE 11; Snow Flurry 11

Isabella Wolski: Student Government 9; Basketball 9; Speech & Debate 9 & 11
Lily Yalowitz
Adamari Yepez
Robert Young: Track 9; Theater 9; Speech & Debate 9; Band 9-11; Tech Club 10 (Co-Founder); Crier 10-12; DECA 11-12; Student Government 12; Philosophy Club 12 (Co-Founder); Jewish Cultural Club 12
Emily Zabrecky

Autumn Zager: Soccer 11; ASL Club 12; Best Buddies 12; Project X 12
Joshua Zatorski: MTC 9; Project X 9-12; Track 10-12; Ping Pong Club 9-11; ASL Club 11
Evan Zukley: Football 9-12; Track & Field 11-12; ASL Club 12

Not pictured

David Adams
Jason Bensema
Emma Bowers
Isabella Bowers
Steven Campbell
Christian Carter
Joshua Davis
Aaron Diaz
Roberto Diaz
Noah Escamilla
Jayden Harvey
Ty Hesterman
Kimani Kemp
Tyler Kisala
Daniel Magana
Noemi Mena
David Mueller
Alia Odtallah
Brianna Pazdur
Vitaliy Prots
Logan Radwan
Marysa Rodriguez,
Erianna Sims
Amari Smith
Chadwick Weston

If you could tell your younger self one thing, what would it be?

This is our world

We asked seniors questions about their lives to learn more about their world. These were the results:

"Don't dwell on things that won't matter in five years."
Lilly Lemke, senior

"Always be positive and optimistic. And only worry about yourself, booboo."
Kristina Sosic, senior

"Give any of the school dances a try, even if you have no date."
Collin Garmon, senior

"I didn't need to be diagnosed with scoliosis to know I wasn't straight."
Casey Wallace, senior

"The grass is greener where you water it."
Lilia Brunetti, senior

"To always keep your head high and to make sure that school is always the main factor."
Cole Portone, senior

"Take all the chances."
Daniel Senisais, senior

"You've gotten this far, don't give up just yet. This year is our year."
Natalia Coronel-Espinal, senior

"Beard good."
Tim Kaufman, senior

"Do not color your hair again. You'll be fine."
Annalicia Carrillo, senior

"Stop being emo."
Alisha Evans, senior

"Enjoy the sleep you get now because later you won't get enough."
Valeria Magana, senior

"Help people as much as possible. Do not worry, life is going to be alright."
Josh Zatorski, senior

"It gets better."
Maria Delis, senior

"Time will go faster. Don't think one moment will last forever because it won't."
Shannon Coughlin, senior

"Time heals everything."
Emme Poulston, senior

"It's gonna be okay. Don't tweak."
Yalissa Rubio, senior

"Stop watching so much TV."
Emma Stricker, senior

"Don't join the Gifted and Talented Math Program. Being one year ahead in math classes will bring you nothing but pain and suffering."
Alexis Lindenmayer, senior

"Look both ways so you don't get hit by a car."
Courtney Warner, senior

"Don't listen to me."
Oliver Segvich, senior

"Live in the moment."
Olivia Choros, senior

"Don't spend time thinking of a good senior quote"
Ronan Meyer, senior

"Don't stress what you can't change, everything that is meant to be, will be."
Kristina Pamucar, senior

"Be yourself at all times and do what makes you happy. Don't care what anyone is going to say to you or think about you."
Aidan Smith, senior

"Don't rush to grow up."
Mikala Bryant, senior

"To enjoy life then because it only gets harder."
Shalini Tallamraju, senior

"Don't worry so much about the future and live in the present."
Jonathan Del Real, senior

"Love what you do and do what you love."
Timothy Giannini, senior

"Start the Common App on August 1."
Clara Terry, senior

"Do what you want not what other people think you should do."
April Roberts, senior

"Just because you're trash, it doesn't mean you can't do great things. It's called a garbage can, not a garbage cannot."
Serena Marsh, senior

"Never turn down a nap."
Delaney McGinty, senior

"Do yourself a favor and don't be so lazy."
Matthew Cortez, senior

"Don't take any wooden nickels."
Henry Sklar, senior

"Study more and stop being lazy."
Lorena Campos, senior

"Don't procrastinate."
Madi Griegel, senior

"Trust no one."
Erin Bryce, senior

"This doesn't matter nearly as much as you think it does, but that doesn't mean you should blow it off."
Benjamin Blaesing, senior

"Make friends with anyone and everyone because it doesn't matter who you associate with."
Sydney Foster, senior

"You have become the best version of yourself and keep up the good work."
Arianna Piña, senior

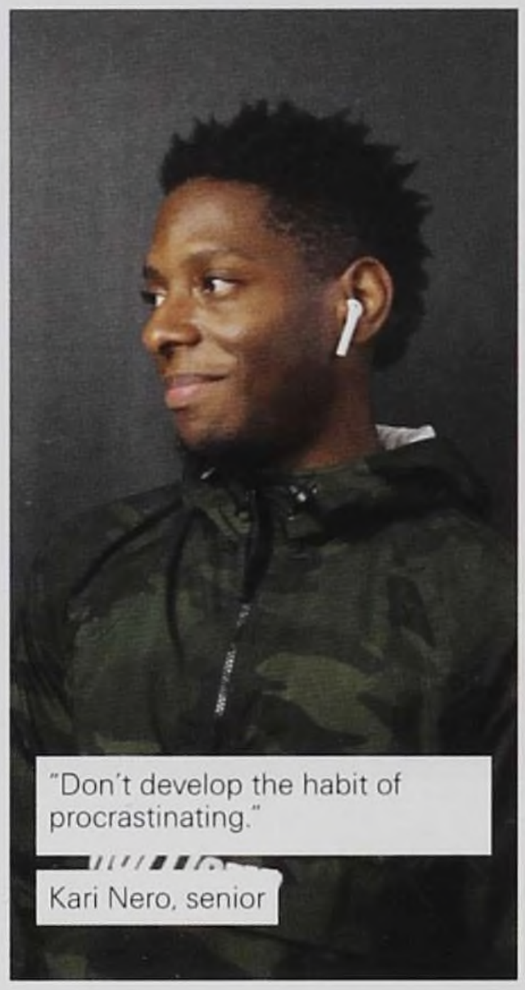
"Don't stress so much about what could happen. Instead focus on the present moment."
Maria Blaesing, senior

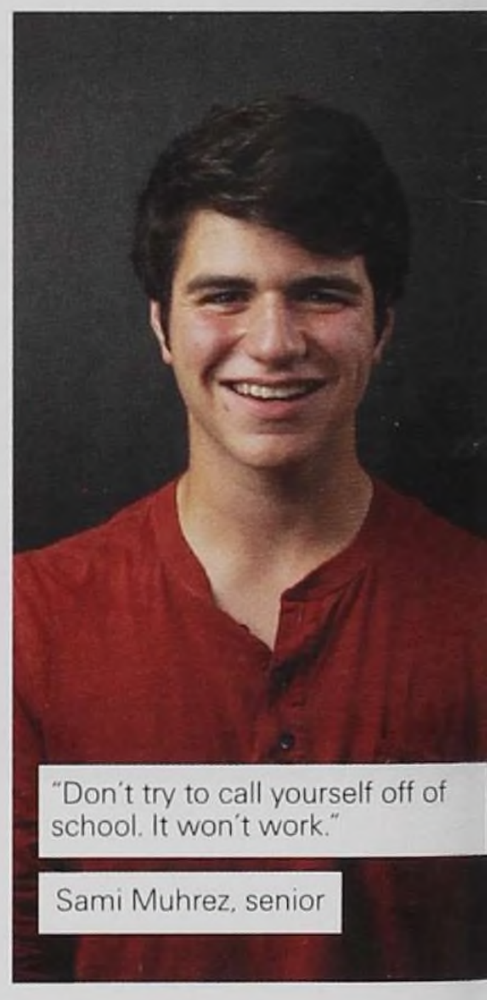
"Be yourself."
Josh Foreit, senior

"Don't think. Just go for it."
James Adams, senior

"You are a lot smarter than you think and words don't define you. You can only define yourself."
Mary Anne O'Brien, senior

"Give your best all the time. Don't get lazy because the golden prize at the end of the race is only awarded to the persistent and dedicated."
Kiari Nero, senior


"Don't develop the habit of procrastinating."
Kari Nero, senior


"Don't try to call yourself off of school. It won't work."
Sami Muhrez, senior

Describe senioritis in 10 words or less.

"Why do I have to do this?"
Edward DeMars, senior

"I'm just here to pass and get out."
Trinity Rodriguez, senior

"I feel like death."
Nicole Baginski, senior

"Being ready to throw it all away for extra sleep."
Kayla Gruber, senior

"Can I go home yet?"
Gavin Clark, senior

"The loss of any will to go to school."
Hannah Foster, senior

"Failing a test, but it's okay because it's senior year."
Abbey Ruckert, senior

"It really be like that sometimes."
Emily Malave, senior

"Being tired of the institution that is Munster High School."
James Shelton, senior

"I would not know, I got my vaccine for it."
Benjamin Goldman, senior

"Tiring and irritating."
Melody Deering, senior

"A crippling disease that strikes high school seniors."
Alyssa Nahnsen, senior

"Can only be cured by the phenomenon known as 'graduation.'"
Amir Henderson, senior

"Over with high school and laziness."
Vanessa Villarreal, senior

"The end is near - Thanos"
Cole Lesinski, senior

"Eh, I'll do it later (*never does it*)."
Madelyn Sharp, senior

"Not touching your backpack until the next morning."
Victor Mancha, senior

"Senioritis is the feeling of wanting to get out ASAP."
Riley Boudreau, senior

"Discovering a new show at 2 a.m."
Srija Thipirneni, senior

"There's no time for senioritis when you're in band."
Zoe O'Shaughnessy, senior

"Senioritis is real and I am going to miss it."
Israel Melendez, senior

"I don't want to do this. Let me watch Netflix."
Ashley Wills, senior

"The desire to only want to sleep."
Elizabeth Hanas, senior

"This work ain't the moves tonight, sis."
Serena Alvarez, senior

"Wanting to skip school then remembering your GPA."
Alayna Eismin, senior

"#overit"
Gillian Bedenk, senior

"Homework? What's that?"
Haley Mize, senior

"The inflammation of the senior."
Jacobus Barnard, senior

"I'll do it tomorrow."
Chase Persic, senior

"I've had senioritis since Freshman year."
Lauren Morris, senior

"Motivation? Don't know her."
Clarissa Iwachiw, senior

"Aight, Imma head out."
Oliver Meraz, senior

"It is a thing."
Michael Fugger, senior

"Wait, we have a quiz today?"
Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, senior

"Wanting to get out of here!"
Justin Anderson, senior

"Grinding at school. Vibing at home."
Steven Biegel, senior

"askdjfas; nah I'm too lazy."
Jude Ouyuon, senior

"Sleep? Who's that?"
Hazem Ojel, senior

"Homework? Didn't do it. Test? Didn't study. Got into IU!"
Leah Patterson, senior

"It starts on the first day."
Michael Dywan, senior

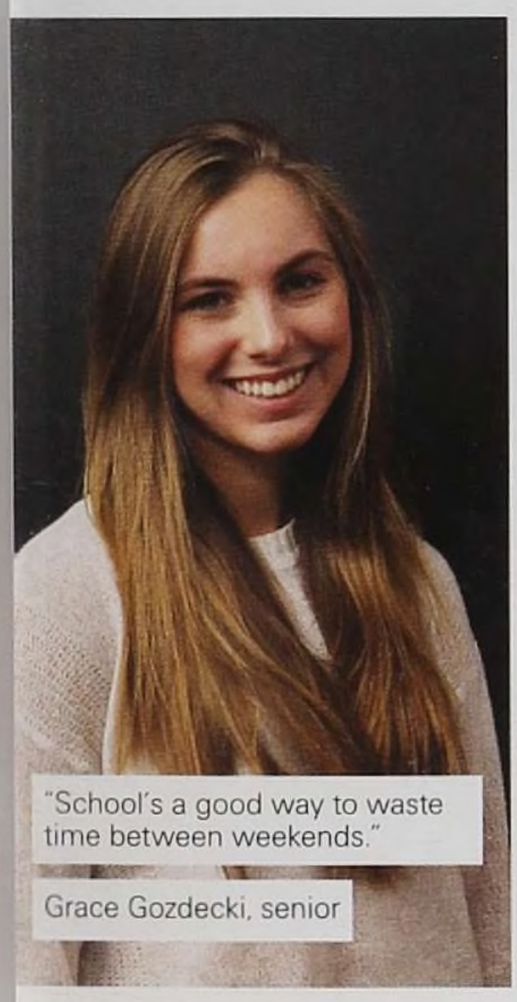
"I really wish I wasn't here right now."
Max Barath, senior

"I've been in this school way too long."
Maysa Musleh, senior

"The best thing ever."
Myles Peterson, senior

"No motivation to do anything at all."
Natalie Naumoff, senior

"Bringing a sweatshirt to school just to have a pillow."
Gina Vellutini, senior

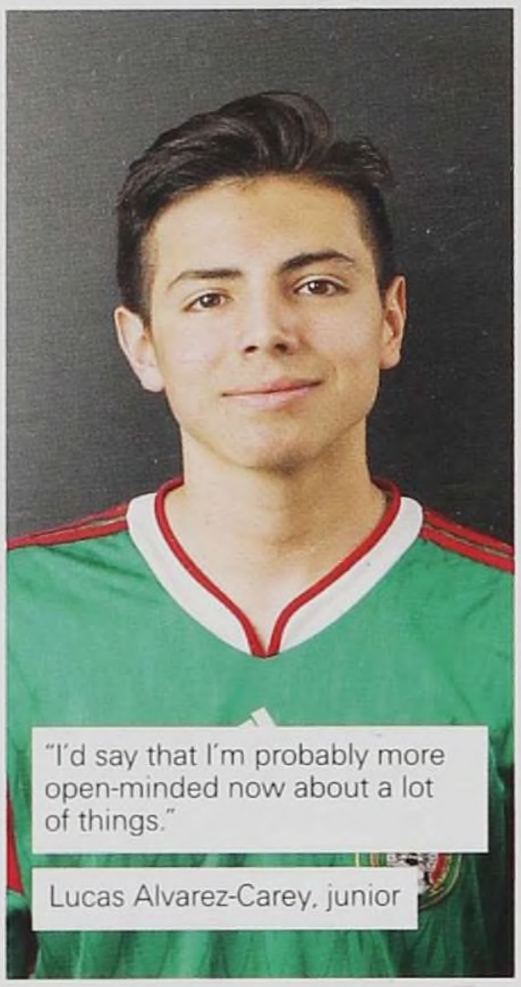

"School's a good way to waste time between weekends."
Grace Gozdecki, senior

"Hold up, we had a test in here?"
Ben Dodge, senior

"I just want to lay in bed and do nothing."
Emily Eisha, senior

"Senioritis is the epitome of procrastination during productive periods."
Nikolai Hoogewerf, senior

How has high school redefined your world?



"I'd say that I'm probably more open-minded now about a lot of things."

Lucas Alvarez-Carey, junior

"I feel like I'm more careful about what I say now since I know I'm gonna be an adult soon. I take things more serious."

Grace Hoehl, junior

"It made me think about things that are happening now that you need to know more about."

Julia Garcia, junior

Ebunoluwa Abioye
Mia Adamus
Mohammed Alam
Dylan Alexander
Madiha Ali
Nathan Allerding
Paulina Alvarado
Jacob Alvarez

Lucas Alvarez-Carey
Jovan Andric
Madeline Andrzejewski
Anthony Anglin
Christian Arellano
Carolina Arroyo
Ari Arzumanian
Halle Asplund

Alexander Ayersman
Mihail Babus
Genavive Bacino
Ian Baker
Luka Balac
Richard Ballentine
John Banaszak
Emily Banaszek

Mekhi Banks
Hannah Bard
Brody Barlage
Jarett Barrientez
Maria Barron
Jaida Beasley
Zachary Beerling
Karyn Beiruti

Colman Berg
Alexis Berumen
Zachary Best
Jaclyn Bevil
Avernally Bhagwandeen
Bradley Bieniak
Zachary Blair
Lauren Blocher

Justin Bobb
Beatriz Borrelly
Sydni Branch
Clayton Bubash
Ethan Buck
Patrick Bukowski
Joshua Burgos-Diaz
Jack Burian

"It's redefined my way of thinking because of what I see other people go through, so I can put myself in their shoes and think of it as myself."

Logan Gomez, junior

"It made me think with a more open state of mind and think outside the box."

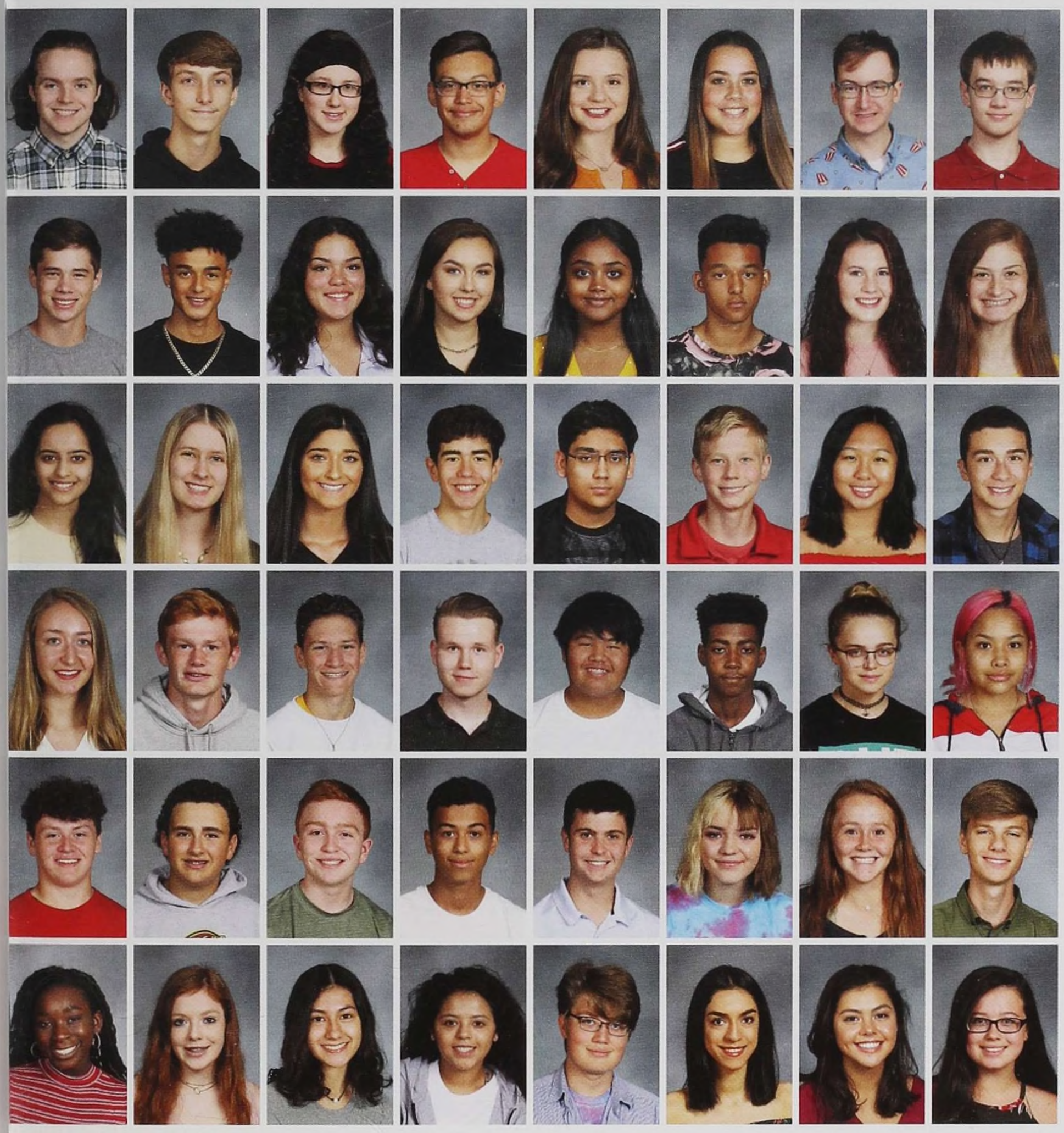
Devin Gronkiewicz, junior

"High school is like a movie with drama, stress, anxiety and depression. It changes your way of thinking. It teaches you a lot of things."

Olivia Quinones, junior

"I have a lot more of an open view, and I am a lot more accepting to new things."

Brody Barlage, junior



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Eliana Candelaria
Olivia Candelaria
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Mark Caraher

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Marisa Chavez
Aubrey Chelich
Cynthia Chockalingam
Adrian Christian
Catherine Clements
Dori Clousing

Shivani Collur
Courtney Companik
Courtney Conroyd
David Cordova
Daniel Cornejo
Jacob Corner
Clarisa Cortez
Mason Cortopassi

Carina Crisan
Michael Cundiff
Lance Dabrowski
Lucas Dalla Costa
Jose Luis Gabri David
Jalen Davidson
Rachel Dawson
Ariana Dehoyos

Zachary Del Nagro
Jonathon Delis
Michael Dempsey
Curtis Dennis
Tyler Devenny
Natalia Djuraskovic
Jordan Duff
Jacob Dzurovcik

Uyai-Abasi Edet
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Destiny Espinoza
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Anabelle Hauter
Kathryn Hemingway
Madison Henman

Spain sisters

Abroad in Spain, Alice Foley, junior, poses for a picture in Spain with other members of the IU Honorprogram. Alice was in Toledo, Spain. "I was shopping and having fun," Alice said.

Photo submitted by Alice Foley

Gone with the windmill

Living it up, Alice Foley, junior, is taking in the Spain experience. She was at Molinos de Viento de Consuegra, a popular tourist spot. "I loved the people and the atmosphere,"Alice said, "I will never forget the experience."

Photo submitted by Alice Foley

Noah Hensley
Stephen Heritage
Allina Hernandez
Claudia Hernandez
Jacqueline Hernandez
Ricky Hernandez
Gabriela Herrera
Emma Herring

Joseph Hillegonds
Noah Hinds
Grace Hoehl
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Shriya Iyer
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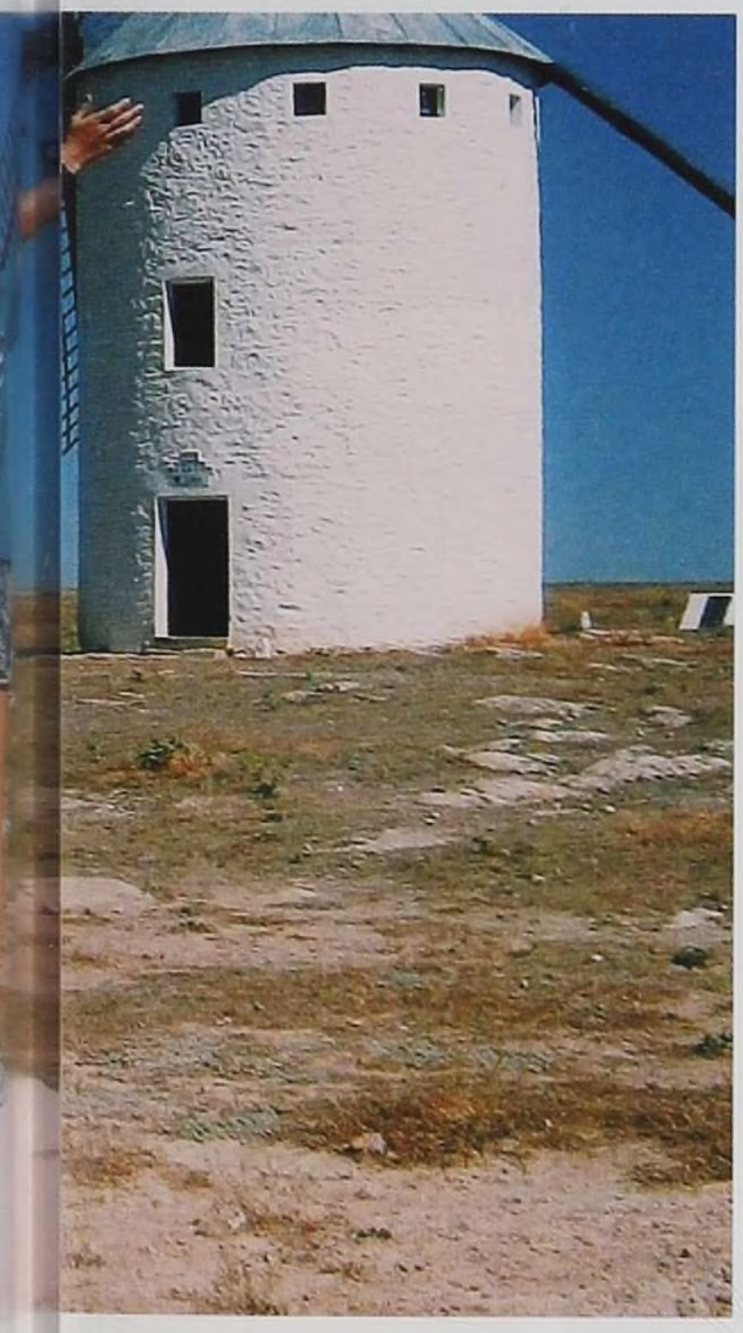

Her world redefined

Alice Foley, junior talks about her summer abroad in Spain

Q. What is the IU Honors Program?

A. It's a program through Indiana University and you go to a foreign country for six weeks depending on which program you go to, and you have to speak in the language of that country. No English for that amount of time.

Q. Where did you go?

A. I went to Spain, Ciudad Real but I also visited other cities while I was there.

Q. What were some things that you did?

A. I stayed with a host family so they showed me the city and what things people do in their everyday life. I visited Madrid and some other cities in Spain.

Q. How did it feel to be there?

A. At first, I was nervous, and it was really hard, but after two weeks, I had made so many new friends. The language was a lot easier, so it was super fun, and I didn't want to leave by the end.

James Krieg
Savannah Kunas
Aidan Kunka
Kevin Kvasnica
Max Ladd
Donovan Lambert
Krystal Landeros
Mathew Larrison

Karl Larson
Samuel Latinovich
Lotus Lazzara
Alyssa Lebron
Xavier Leech
Niko Lekic
Kayla Lewis
Jeremiah Lovett

Ava Lukacsek
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Faith Muczynski
Grace Mulcrone
Kaitlyn Munoz
Nabeen Neupane
Ashley Nita
Nana Nnuro-Frimpong

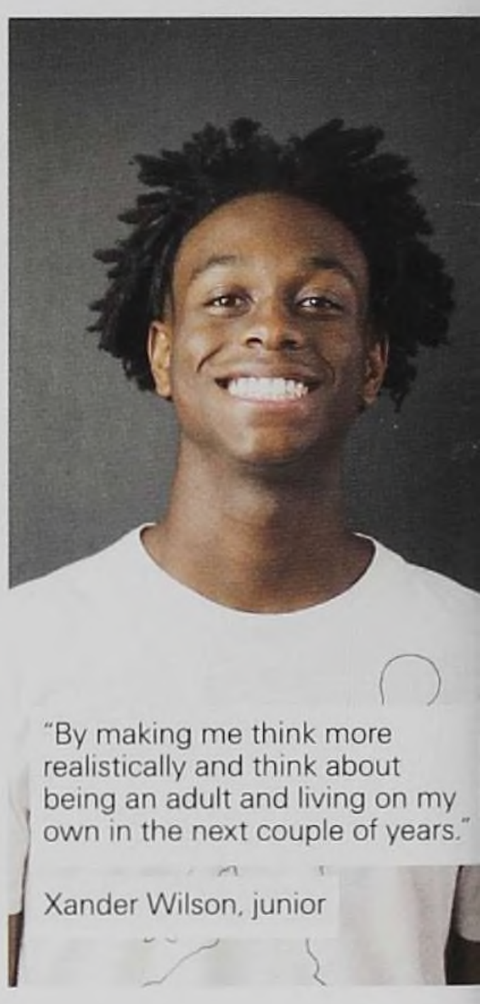
How has high school redefined your world?

"It has redefined my way of thinking by knowing how to manage my time and just knowing when to do stuff."

Clayton Bubash, junior

"I think of all the negative outcomes that can happen in any situation which helps me think about how it affects my future."

Salma Prince, junior



"By making me think more realistically and think about being an adult and living on my own in the next couple of years."

Xander Wilson, junior

Stephanie Nossem
Claire Nowak
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Kailyn Oganovich
Juan Olivencia-Duque
Taylor Olmstead
Benjamin Ondo

Afamefuna Oniah
Ethan Orange
Catherine Ornelas
Edward Ortiz
Prisilla Ortiz
Sirius Ortiz
William Pacurar
Ashley Padilla

Joshua Pagan
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Aaron Perez
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Emma Phillips
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Emma Powell

Santino Presutti
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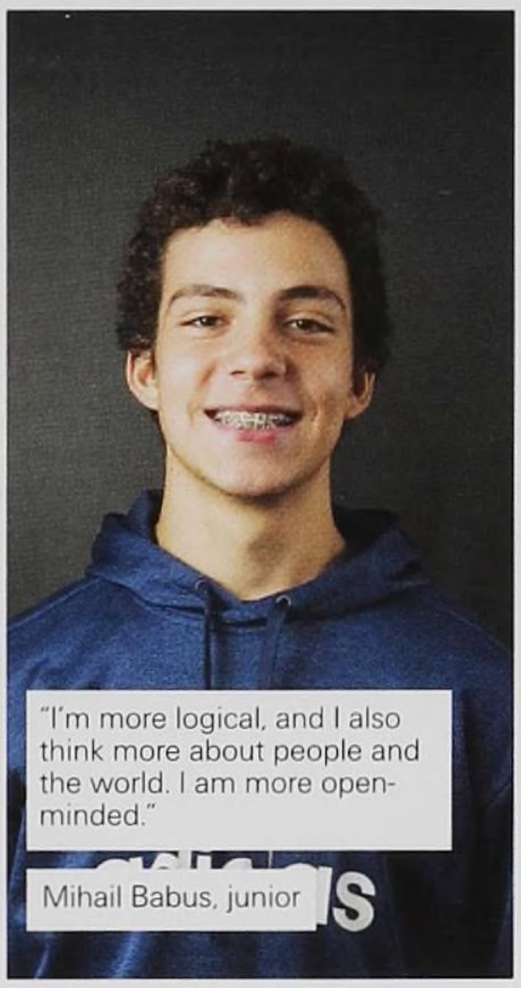

"By making me feel more observant. How I view the world because of the many different perspectives and made me more aware."
Hannah Zukley, junior

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Samuel Rodriguez
Ethan Roe
Wesley Roe
Bryan Rosales
Emilio Rosales
Isaiah Rosinski

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Diana Saganeanu
Dariia Sakvuk
Lana Salahieh
Hannah Salamanca
Eric Salazar
Sarah Sanchez

Srishti Sarkar
Dana Savarino
Bryce Schaum
Samantha Sellers
Safia Shad
Ananya Sharma
Carmani Shedrich

Ariel Shoriak
Emily Shu
Junaid Siddiqui
Surajpal Singh
Vanessa Situ
Sydney Skrobot
Jamail Smith

James Smith
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Alexis Soukchanh
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Peyton Specht

Anna Speckhard
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Abigail Steffen
Evan Stevens
James Stewart
Mackenzie Stricklin
Hailey Sullivan

Harper Swope
Andrew Tabaczynski
Daniel Tabaczynski
Trina Tagamolila
Safaa Tarakey
Caeden Taylor
Mia Terek

Alexia Tirado
Caden Tomko
Andrew Torres
Lourdes Torres
Nadia Torres
Irene Tsakopoulos
Leonidas Tsirtsis

Cortney Tubbs
Dane Van Ghunt
Maureen Van Matre
Rachel Vanek
Reese Vanek
Mariah Vasquez
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Meagan Venema
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Delaney White-Gonzalez
Derrick Wiening
Jaelyn Williams

Henry Williford
Noah Wilson
Shaunte Wilson
Xander Wilson
Andrew Wittkamp
Evan Wittkamp
Brink Wolak

Elizabeth Woodward
Rayhan Zaman
Nikolaos Zaromitidis
Fenry Zhou
Kayla Ziel
Hannah Zukley
Clara Zuniga

Hailey Zvonik

Not pictured
Charles Davidson
Jasmyn Eckhoff
Aden Newsom-Taylor
Jenai Panora
Benjamin Talley

Disc jockey While listening to "Goosebumps" by Travis Scott, Ari Arzumanian, junior, balances levels and remixes a track."You're catering to the crowd," Ari said. "I may like a song but if I know everybody hates it, I'm not going to play it; I'm going to make sure everyone is having a good time." **Controllerist** While editing a piece performed by Zahrya Grimes, junior, Ari Arzumanian, junior mixes parts of songs that he created from scratch. Ari created his own music from scratch. "It's really fun for me and for the fans," Ari said, "I just want to make the crowd happy. That's pretty much it." **Photos by Sean O'Rourke**

Taking on a legacy

Ari Arzumanian, junior, discusses how DJing has affected his life

Story by Zahrya Grimes

Let's say you and your friend are at a party and you're really feeling the music that the DJ is playing. Ari Arzumanian, junior, knows this feeling because he's a DJ.

For Ari DJing runs in the family.

"Ever since I was little I was around it, and then it just kind of grew on me. Now we're here." Ari said.

In college, Ari's dad was a DJ and he inspired Ari to want to DJ. His parents were on board with his decision.

"My parents financially supported me a lot and they've helped me. I've since paid them back."

For his gigs, Ari gets paid usually around $150-$200. He has a home studio and he is an audio engineer.

"I've been nervous before gigs, definitely getting up on stage in front of a ton of people or a party; even just a house party." Ari said, "With people, you don't want to mess up or make the party bad. You want to leave a party better than when you got there."

How has high school redefined your way of thinking?

"I think I'm more mature because I used to scream out inappropriate jokes, but now I am a much nicer person."

Holden Buchmeier, sophomore

"High school has taught me to be more independent and has made me step out of my comfort zone more often."

Calista Petersen, sophomore

"Not everything comes easy."

Katy Nelson, sophomore

Eniola Abioye
Zoe Ackermann
Nolan Adams
Terimoluwa Akinola
Esteban Alamillo
Michael Alexiou
Korey Allen
Varrick Allen

Maha Alshamaileh
Alejandra Alvarado
Leira Alvarez
Annabella Anderson
Jeremiah Anderson
Marley Anderson
Caloeb Andrade
Michael Armiras

Zion Asgedom
Maxamilian Austin
Anna Babus
Zoie Bailey
Olivia Balbo
Ja'Mya Barnes
Kristen Baurain
Ellen Bazaldua

Cooper Beck
Mateo Bedolla
Avery Beerling
Lourdes Belgrad
Madeline Bell
Arianna Bender
Madison Bevil
Arman Bhatt

Shouri Bitla
Amanda Blackstone
Abraham Blaesing
Jennalyse Blanford
Michelle Blanford
Alayna Blasko
Ethan Boersma
Ashlynn Booker

Morgan Bottiger
Liam Boyle
Arrissa Brannon
Jia Brasel
Gabrielle Brennan
Wyland Brown
Sophia Brunetti
Steve Bryjak

"High school has made me realize that everyone is going through their own struggles. So you should be respectful to everyone."

Jane Potter, sophomore

"It's redefined my way of thinking because back in middle school I thought everything would be easy. But now I realize my standards of what I can achieve."

Keira Hawk, sophomore

"High school has taught me that you need to treat everyone nice because you never know when they'll come after you."

William Moell, sophomore

"It makes me sad and increases my stress level."

Jacqueline Rowady, sophomore

Jonathan Bryson-Harvey
Holden Buchmeiter
Ashley Burgess
Allison Burris
Andrew Burzynski
Katelyn Calderon
Antonio Campos
Antonio Cantu

Emilio Cantu
Krysten Caradine
Lilian Carlsson
Logan Carter
Gustavo Carvajal
John Chamberlain
Robert Chambers
Akansha Chauhan

Amelia Chism
Thomas Choros
Markus Ciciora
Jacob Cigler
Jacob Cipowski
Chase Clark
Grace Clark
Joshua Clark

Tatianja Clark
Seth Cleminson
Hannah Cockrum
Monday Coleman
Peyton Collier
Michael Collins
Aleksandar Covic
Evneki Crenshaw

Marisa Crescent
Olivia Crescent
Kathleen Curtin
Amaya Dandridge
Olivia Dannis
Allan Dedelow
Matthew Deering
Bailee Dejarlais

Robyn DeJoan
Alan Del Real
Samantha Del Real
Aishik Dhori
Naomy Diaz
Nova Dillon
Ana Dimopoulos
Stephanie Djuraskovic

Lauren Dolatowski
Xander Edwards
Melinda Eickleberry
Catherine Eliopoulos
Kaylie Eriks
Alexis Erving
Rafael Escutia
Avery Fabian

Mlynn Fane
Mikyla Farnell
Jeremiah Fassoth
Leilanni Ferrer
Elizabeth Fesko
Eric Fiore-Medina
Victoria Flatt
Joel Flores

Maxwell Follmer
Samuel Foreit
Rebecca Franco
Deondre Fuller
Samuel Fuller
Miguel Gambetta
Naomi Gandarilla
Erica Garcia

Jordan Garrison
Emma Geary
Peter Giannini
Lainie Gideon
Anne Gilhooly
Evan Gill
Stephen Gill
Brady Ginaven

Nicholas Godinez
Iris Gong
David Gonzalez
Emma Gossman
Madison Green
Marina Gronkiewicz
Kaylauren Gruber
Lorenzo Gutierrez

Lindsey Guy
Robert Guy
Bryce Haemker
Sarah Halun
Joel Hanna
Randal Harper
Delino Hastings
Keira Hawk

Dancing queen

Jenna Kosco, sophomore, and her love for dance

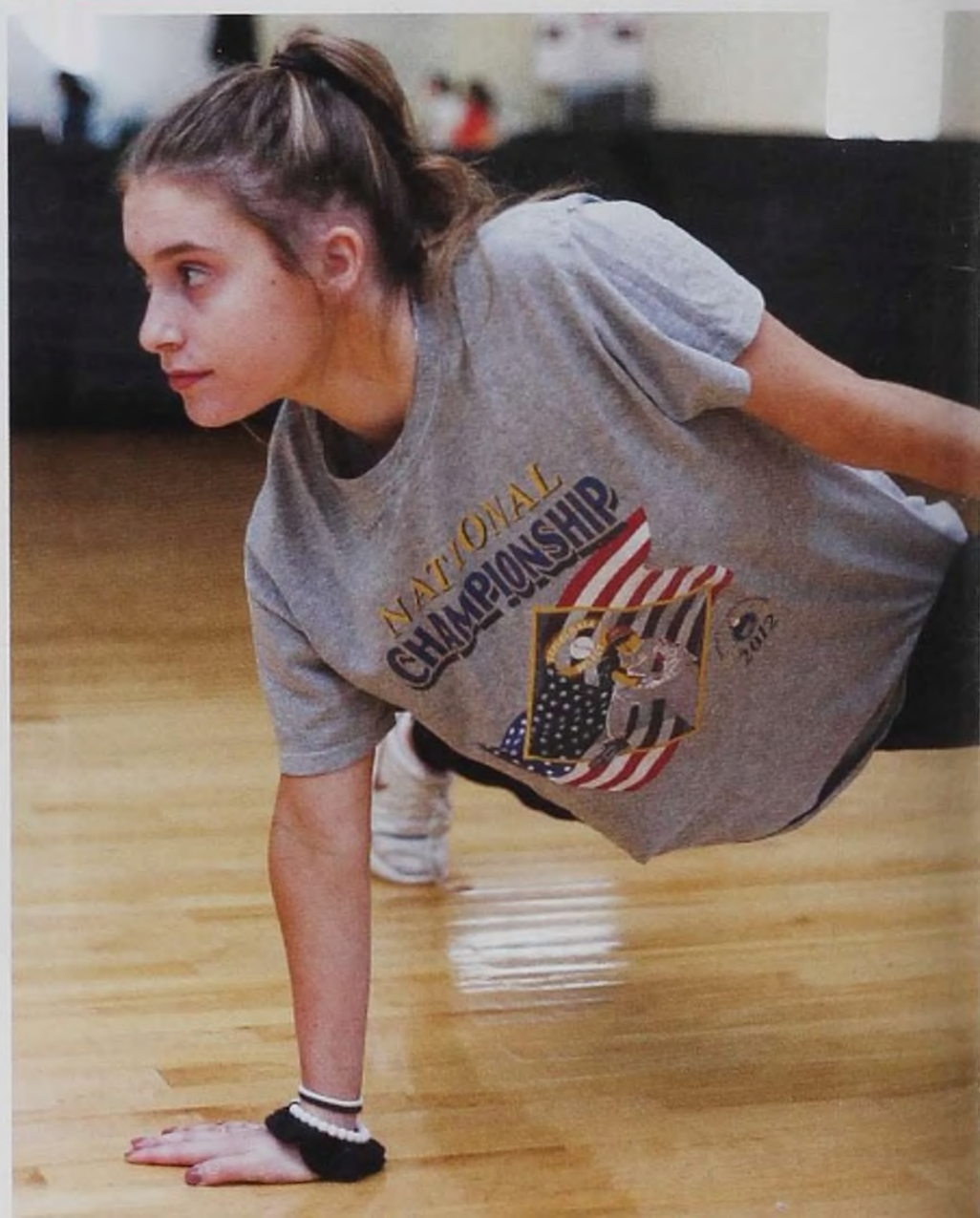
Story by Zachary Tucker

Since the age of six, Jenna Kosco, sophomore, has been dancing. She has never regreted that choice. Six years later, Jenna continued to dance at Prestige Arts Company. Jenna's inspiration for dance came from the feelings and movements that allowed her to be who she wanted.

"A lot went through my head while I danced," Jenna said. "If I was stressed out, dance allowed me to be myself and be free. However, I always need to think about the movements I do and all the technique I need to apply while I'm dancing."

Dance for Jenna completely defined her world.

"Dance is one of the most important parts of my life," she said. "Dance also has such a big impact on my life and I am beyond thankful for all the opportunities I have been given. Dance has truly changed my life for the better and it has shaped me into the person I am today. Dance is what makes me, me. Dance is my happy space and I don't know what I would do without it in my life. Without dance, I wouldn't be myself."



A Love For Dance
At a practice, Jenna Kosco, sophomore, privately warms up. Her love for dance brought her through many hours of dance practices, and even competitions. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

Nadine Hayes
Kyleigh Henn-Ketcham
Alexa Hernandez
Amelia Hernandez
Issac Hernandez
Elizabeth Hill
Kylan Hodges-Jones
Otto Hoehl

Gage Hoekstra
Henry Hofferth
Jaquan Holliday
Elijah Homan
Julia Hoop
Jerry Huffman
Ryan Hughes
James Hulsey

Peter Hwang
Christopher Iatrides
Aleksandar Ilijevski
Avianna Irby
Payton Isenblatter
Atarah Israel
Charles Iverson
Omar Jackson

Khusi Jhaveri
Christina Johnson
Donovan Jones
Madison Jonquet
Ava Jureczko
Jacob Katz
Maja Kaurin
Morgan Kazragys

Mickellan Kelly-Long
Gavin Kenning
Mallika Keralavarma
Sana Khan
Salma Khani
Joseph Kicho
Richard Kicho
Isaiah Kim

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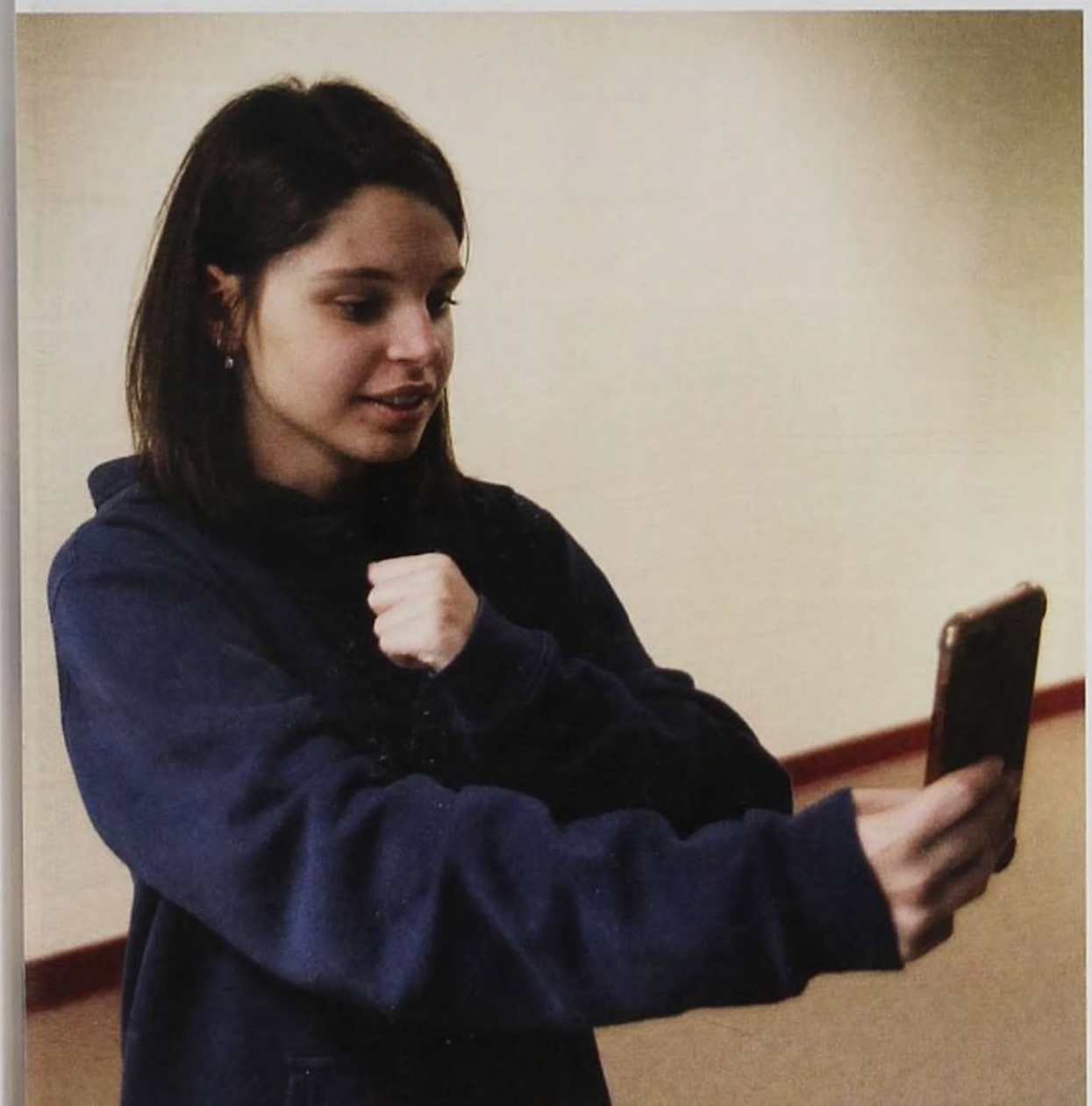

TikTok time

Kiki Mitrakis, sophomore, talks about her @vaselinitortillini TikTok account

"I like making transition TikToks as well as remaking videos I find funny."

"I ended up downloading TikTok as a joke, but I ended up getting addicted."

"I am really bored all the time, and usually have nothing better to do with my time. I end up going on TikTok, watching videos and remaking them."

Tik Tok on the clock

Holding her phone, Kiki Mitrakis, sophomore, makes a Tik-Tok. Finding TikTok through Instagram, Kiki frequently used the app in her free time. "For me, TikTok can have a surreal experience," she said. **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

What defines sophomore year to you?

"The year that you need to step up your game and start taking school seriously."

Dominick Smith, sophomore

"This was the year that you have to try to get everything in order to get yourself a good setup for junior year."

Kaylie Szromba, sophomore

"Having more power in school."

Jake Thometz, sophomore

Arman Kumar
Paige Lamb
Sydney Lash
Alison Lee
Madison Leimbach
Zachary Lenaburg
Alexis Lepir
Edward Lewis

Maxwell Lindenmayer
John Linnane
Hansheng Liu
Alana Lockett
Tyler Lukowski
Violet Luna
Sydney MacLean
Adonis Macon

Ian Magallanes
Anushka Majety
Trinity Malave
Arianna Maldonado
Briana Mancha
Finn Manion
Georgiana Manojlovic
Aleksándar Maric

Edgar Mariscal
Paris Marshall
Jordan Martinez-Scott
Marko Martinovic
Charles Mason
Brook Maul
Katherine McComis
Madeline McFeely

Haley Melby
Louis Meldgin
Gianni Mendoza
Deyanira Meraz
Samantha Migliore
Emma Miles
Ethan Miles
Aidan Miller

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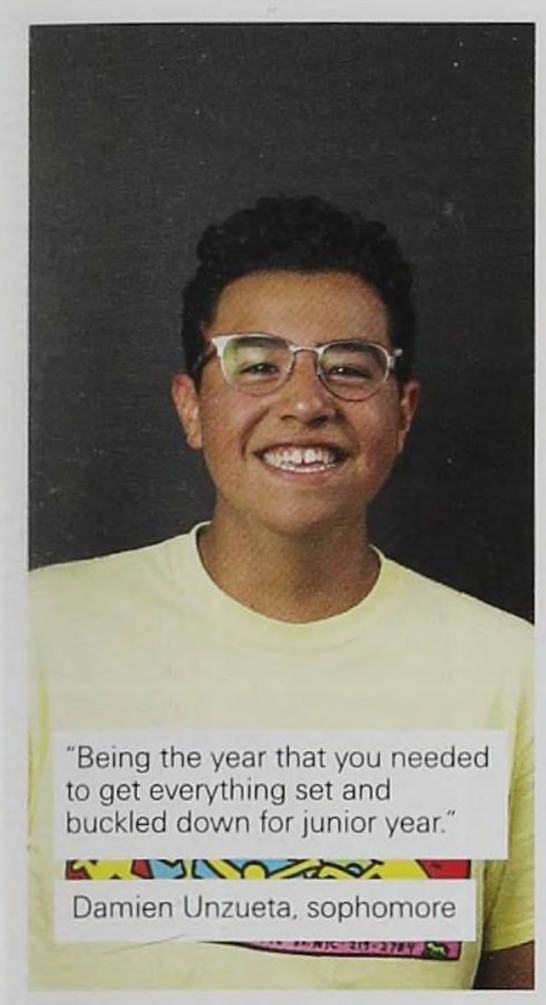


"Being the year that you needed to get everything set and buckled down for junior year."

Damien Unzueta, sophomore

"The year that you need to try."

Gianluca Scalzo, sophomore

"When I needed to actually focus on things in class so I don't fail."

Victoria Flatt, sophomore

"It was the teeter-point after freshman year and before ACTs and SATs."

Alison Lee, sophomore

Charles Morton
Sarah Morton
Laila Mosley
Ryan Muntean
Laura Murguia
Katy Nelson
Regan Newby
Nhi Nguyen

Toan Nguyen
Gabriela Nieves
Harrison North
Leah Nozick
David O'Brien
Leah Ochoa
Ayat Odtallah
Sadie Olesh

Parker Olsen
Habiba Ouyuon
Alexander Pala
Laci Pala
Olivia Paprstein
Michael Parianos
Ethan Park
Joshua Patel

Kirtan Patel
Rahi Patel
Amber Payne
Amyah Payton
Isabella Perez
Taylor Perez
Damian Perkins
Calista Petersen

Lauren Phelps
Owen Pirok
Alexandra Platis
Adan Porras
Olivia Porter
Jane Potter
Griffin Poulsen
Keegan Poulsen

Elizabeth Prifogle
Evan Pruzin
Maria Puliaeva
Maya Queroz
Isabelle Quintero
Susan Rabie
Andrew Radziwiecki
Riley Ramirez

Ryan Ramirez
Maria Ramos
Minahil Rao
Lindsey Reda
Kenneth Reed
Brooke Reynolds
Thomas Richmond
Jaden Riley

Evan Ringer
Preciosa Rivera
Sara Rivera
Santiago Rivera Avila
Hannah Robbins
John Robbins
Scott Robbins
Grace Roberts

Mark Robinson
Jenna Rock
Alejandro Rodriguez
Arianna Rodriguez
Ve'Nalie Roman
Zachary Romero
Jacqueline Rowady
Ton'Asia Saah

Madeline Sajn
Alejandra Salas
Jusara Salem
Megan Samuels
Jason Sanchez
Alyssa Sangueza
Olivia Sarpong
Amy Savickis

Gianluca Scalzo
Kerra Sepanski
Zayn Shareef
Christopher Shaver
Rashod Shine
Abigail Silva
Clayton Sinwelski
Blake Siurek

Marissa Slivka
Dominick Smith
Jada Smith
Karea Smith
Shannen Smolinski
Kamryn Soares
Carsyn Sobczak
Ryan Soja

Hayden Stanley
Luka Stepanovich
Nicholas Stephan
Nicole Sullivan
Emily Sun
Mark Swanson
Sierra Sweeney
Kaylie Szromba

Austin Talbot
Sanjana Tallamraju
Mattie Tengdin
Shira Tennbaume
Simona Terek
Kenna Teske
Tobin Thayer
Jacob Thometz

Roman Thompson
Gabriel Tienstra
Filip Timko
Mara Trivunovic
Natasha Truett
Brielle Trull
Zachary Tucker
Jaylin Turner

Damien Unzueta
Jake Uylaki
Muhammad Uzair Aziz
Alfredo Valadez
Hannah Van Buskirk
Vanessa Vasquez
Evan Vasser
Victor Vatchev

Faith Vegter
Lucas Vesolowski
Samantha Vesper
Paige Vukadinovich
Marisa Walsh
Jari Warner
Mackenna Weatherly
Joseph Wedgeworth

Gia Weis
Reanna Whitelaw
Ava Whitney
Nevaeh Wiley Purham
Bryce Williams
Jaden Williams
Christopher Winston
Andrew Witten

Reese Wojkovich
Louis Wolf
Riley Wyrzykowski
Elena Yanef
Sihyun Yeo
Anthony Young
Myanne Zachary
Amelia Zajakowski

Emma Zajakowski
Alyssa Zapata
Priscilla Zavala
Cody Zhang

Not pictured
Julia Grabelle
Morgan Knoche
Giovanni Mayorga
Daniel Nozick

A legacy in the making

Libby Fesko discusses living up to her father's legacy and how it has defined her

For many people, life in high school can be stressful and hard, However for Libby Fesko, sophomore, the daughter of Mr. Donald P. Fesko, '90 graduate and MHS Alumni inductee of 2017, it is harder. After high school Mr. Fesko continued his life into college and then became the President and CEO of Community Health Care System in 2017. Libby Fesko, plays two sports and academically challenges herself. However, the school isn't just hers, it was also her father's. In an interview with Libby, she talks about being a legacy, and how it defines her.

Q. What's life like outside of school for you?

A. Life outside of school for me is typical for a high schooler. I played two sports so it can be very busy between sports and homwork, but I like to have a good time.

Q. What's it like going to a school that your father went to?

A. I think it's pretty neat, because I can always ask him what it was like when he came here, and just see how the school has adapted and changed.

Q. How has your father's work influenced your ambitions now and for the future?

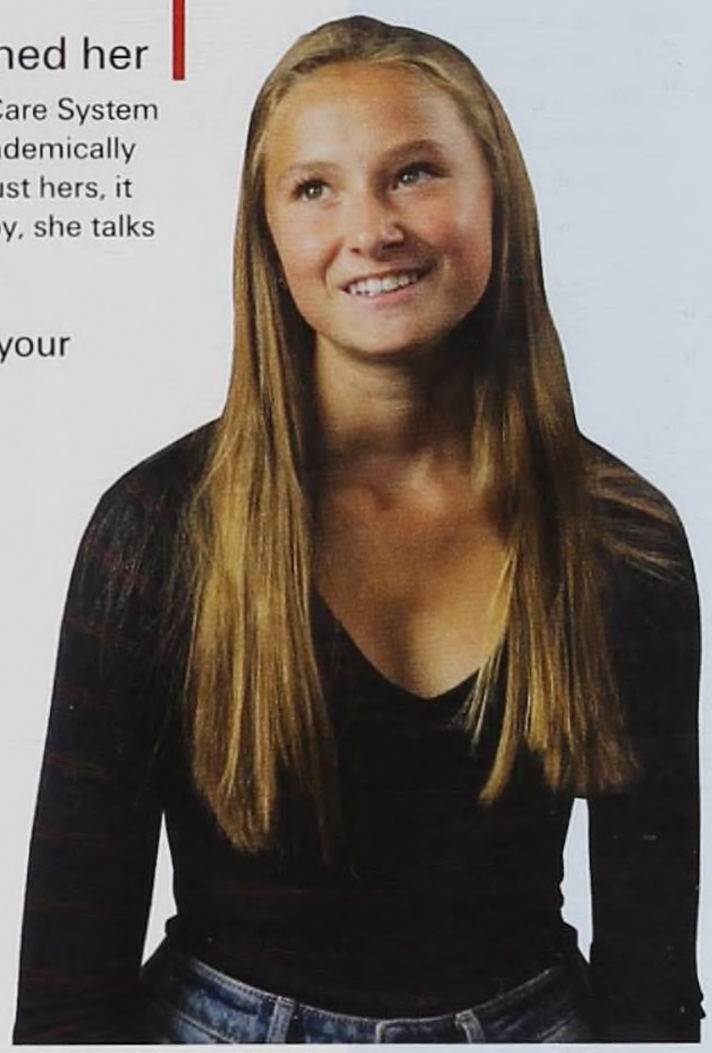
A. My fathers work has definitely influenced my ambitions now and for the future. It has made me have a much higher standard for myself, and I feel as if there's a slight pressure to live up to what he is. I always strive to do my best and work hard so I can follow in his footsteps.

Q. How has your father influenced your academic standard?

A. I wanted to live up to what he did. I know he's very smart and hardworking, so I wanted to follow in his footsteps and become something amazing.

Q. How's your work ethic?

A. I have a wonderful work ethic. I am not the person who procrastinates.



Future thoughts
The future may not be known to some high schoolers for a long time, yet not for Libby Fesko, sophomore. She has made expectations for herself to head into a highly recognized college. After college, Libby has plans to go into medical school, and then go into the medical field. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Adan Abarca
Robert Acevez
Brett Adams
Obiamara Adindu
Aniqa Ali
Jasrah Ali
Evi Allerding
Hanan Almadhi

Francisco Alonso
Reena Alsakaji
Gisele Alvarez
Julie Alvarez
Ayush Arora
Thomas Ashcraft
Nathan Ault
Fiona Aune

Joshua Avila
Yaw Awuah
Nicholas Badali
Cayden Baltensberger
Anthony Barajas
Matthew Barnard
Amanda Barnes
Lauren Barnes

Leon Curtis Bass-Moses
Caroline Baurain
Andrew Bedenk
Lillie Bednarowski
Austin Beetson
Madison Beetson
Preston Beetson
Anthony Bellahcen

Isabella Biegel
Isabella Boleski
Alexander Borrero
Aidan Boyle
Brynn Bradley
Derek Bravo
Maijah Brewer
Parker Brown

Joseph Brunetti
William Bryant
Mary Buck
Brendan Budeselich
Amelia Buono
Brandon Burgess
Madelyn Burns
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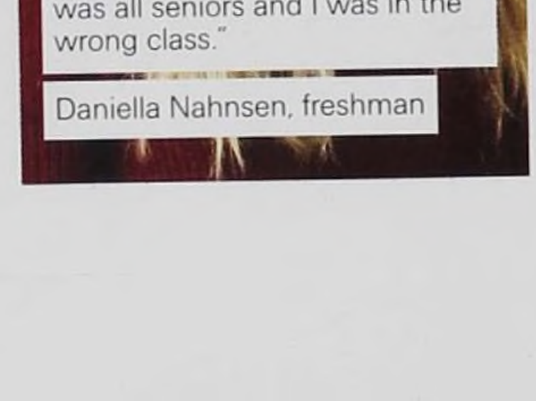
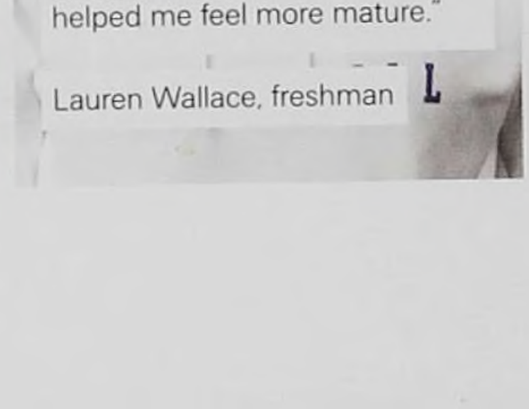
How has high school redefined your world?



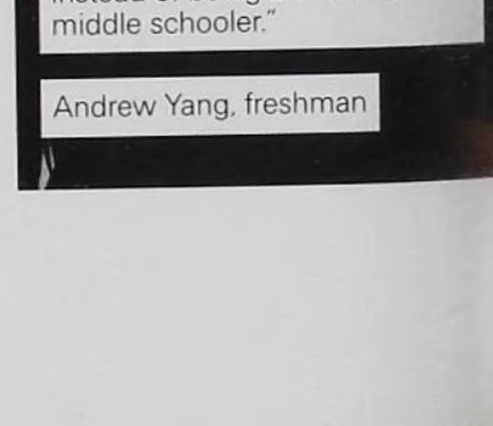
"On the first day of school my schedule got messed up. My next class was chemistry, but when I went into the class it was all seniors and I was in the wrong class."

Daniella Nahnsen, freshman



"I joined Munster volleyball and became friends with girls that were older than me. They helped me feel more mature."

Lauren Wallace, freshman



"When I joined an actual club. It made me feel like I fit in more instead of being an immature middle schooler."

Andrew Yang, freshman

Teresa Burzynski
Leena Campagna
Christian Campos
Martin Caravateanu
Kevon Carter
Michael Casner
Alec Castillo
Anna Castillo

Abraham Centeno
Savannah Chansiri
Dhaval Chauhan
Ava Cheffer
Mia Cheffer
Abner Chen
Jillianna Childs
Vanya Christopher

Dominik Chudziak
Andrew Cipowski
Joseph Cipowski
Lita Cleary
Janyle Cooper
Lauralyn Courtney
Linsey Cox
Lazaros Crenshaw

Catherine Cronin
Elliana Cruz
Lyla Cruz
Noah Cruz
Patrick Cullars
Gia Cvitkovich
Lilia Dahn
Linden Dannis

Anthony Dato
Mason Deering
Corey Dennis
Dylan Devenny
Camila Diaz
Celestina Diaz
Ethan Diaz
Morgan Docter

Julianna Dodge
Dylan Dohanyos
Samuel Doppler
Devin Downs
Taylor Duff
Giselle Edwards
Zackery Edwards
Katherine Eisha

"Being a cheerleader I'm used to not as many students going to the games. Now that I'm in high school I noticed there is a lot more school spirit towards the games. "

Megan Hudson, freshman

"It made me mature more by thinking about my future and college."

Gracie Kisala, freshman

"The weeks before high school made me feel like a high schooler because I was preparing for all my responsibilities. "

Isaac Ramirez, freshman

"Having a hard time finding my classes, and truly understanding what a ton of homework means, is what made me truly feel like a high schooler. "

Nicholas Thorner, freshman

Daniel Eriks
Isaak Escobedo
Sarah Espiritu
Aleeza Evans
Anna Evilsizor
Olivia Evilsizor
Hiba Fatima
Cristian Favela

William Feeney
Naomi Fefferman
James Ferguson
Solomon Flores
Skye Foster
Kennedi Fowlkes
Isis Franklin
Sydney Frantal

Jack Fugger
Sarah Fugger
Julia Gajewski
Ryleigh Galosich
Gernie Paul Galvan
Aaryh Gandhi
Jannessa Garcia
Jozefina Garcia

Alivia Gatto
Brenden George
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Alexis Goddard
Kathren Gonzalez
Bailey Goodman
Nylan Green
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Jaden Griegel
Ryan Grogan
Alonzo Gudino
Andrew Guelcher
Kevin Hall
Nicholas Hanas
Eileen Harkenrider
Tyler Harvey

John Hayes
Margaret Heritage
Eduardo Hernandez
Gerardo Hernandez
Tatum Hernandez
Joseph Higgason
Sonny Hoekstra
Trinity Hogge

William Hoitsma
Micah Holmes
Alex Horn
Meagan Hudson
Khtab Ishtawi
Brendon Jacob
Jemma Jacobsen
Victoria James

Joshua Jennings
Jade Johnson
Peyton Johnson
Alicia Jones
Nikola Jovicevic
Thomas Jumonville
Abhiram Kandregula
Damion Kasper

Andrew Keilman
Matthew Keilman
Aidan Kemp
Christine Kim
Angelis Kinard
Madeline Kindy
Gracie Kisala
Andrew Klaich

Lost and found

Freshmen's experiences with getting lost

Deck the halls
Walking to eighth hour, Alicia Watson, Alex Orange, and Micah Holmes, freshmen, engage in a converstaion in north. **Photo by Lucy Torres**

Which part of the school is easiest to get lost in?

South 27 students

North 86 students

Did you get lost on the first day of school?

No 48 students

Yes 65 students

If you got lost, who did you ask for help?

Asked friends 33 students

Figured it out 58 students

Asked Link Crew 22 students

Source: Survey of 113 freshmen on Google Forms from Oct. 1-10

Casey Knor
Anagha Kodukula
Nikash Kondamuri
Katherine Kooy
Joshua Korwek
Autumn Koszegi
Denham Kozy
Yasser Kudaimi

Lauren Kuechenberg
Ethan Kunka
Luke Ladd
Ajitesh Lalam
Kennedi Lany
Alexander Latinovich
Lauryn Leahy
Jocelyn Lemus

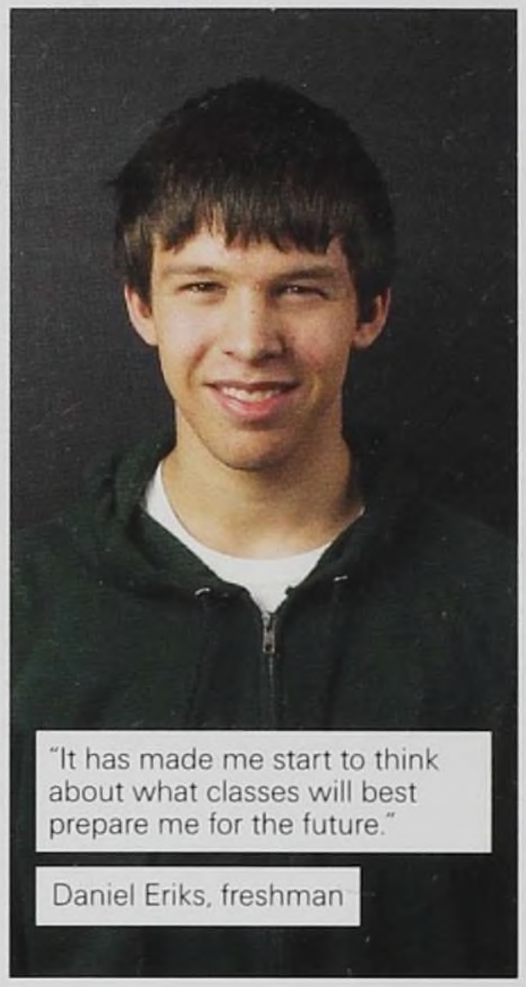
Gina Lesniak
Marco Long
Angelise Lopez
Vladimier Lopez
Charlize Lorenz
Emily Lyza
Lucy MacDonald
Luke Macek

Amina Mahmood
Alexander Maldonado
Daniel Mansour
Elsa Marcotte
Danilo Markovic
Ayana Martin
Isaac Martin
Briana Martinez

How has high school redefined your world?

"It made me have more time management and be able to manage my way around Munster High School."

Alexis Goddard, freshman



"It has made me start to think about what classes will best prepare me for the future."

Daniel Eriks, freshman

"High school has really defined my way of thinking by really tiring me out."

Srikar Thipirneni, freshman

Esmeralda Martinez
Jo-Han Martinez
Lillian Mason
Jacob Mazumdar
Elliott McKeever
Casey McNulty
Israel Medina
Makena Mendoza

Finnian Meyer
Jack Meyer
Sincere Meyers
Beshoy Mikhail
Juliette Miranda
Kabeer Mirjat
Braeden Misch
Josephine Mittelberger

Sayeed Mohammed
Kayley Moore
Zarahflor Mora
Daniela Morales
Destiny Muczynski
Ian Mulcahy
Janai Munoz
Madison Murchek

Dillon Murray
Bayan Musleh
Daniella Nahnsen
Natalia Najera
Kamila Navarro
Michael Neals
Thanh Nguyen
Madelynn Nygaard

Jessica Ocasio
Akaomachukwu Odeluga
Brandon Oganovich
Cameron Olson
Alexander Orange
Eliana Ortega
Jonathan Oviedo
Estella Ozment

Joshua Palma
Milan Pamucar
Alexander Panos
Ty Pappas
Nicholas Pascarella
Neel Patel
Shreya Patel
Terry Patterson

"High school is more complicated than it seemed."

Lita Cleary, freshman

"I didn't idolize older kids as much. They seem more similar to me and I felt like there's less of a divide between us."

Tori James, freshman

"Having to get up early to go to class defined high school for me."

Aidan Boyle, freshman

"I was more independent and needed to know more skills, such as having no more study guides."

Marwah Tarakey, freshman

Luke Paul
Isidora Pavlic
Caden Payne
Garrett Pazdur
Kimora Penn
Alexis Perez
Isabelle Perez

Cameron Pischner
Luke Poole
Mateo Porras
Alicia Powell
David Prado
Angelo Prieboy
Maya Prince

Sara Progler
Sarah Pruzin
Tomas Quiroga
Ava Raffin
Isaac Ramirez
Isaiah Ramirez
Fatema Rashid

Cooper Ray
Anna Raycroft
Clare Regan
Nicholas Roberts
Lauren Robinson
Carson Roe
Christian Romero

Elisha Rosinski
Ah'Nyla Rudd-Larkin
Gabriela Ruiz
Madeline Ruiz
Joslynn Rushdan
Emma Ryan
Angelica Rzeznikowski

Abigail Salamanca
Julian Sanchez
Oscar Sanchez
Samuel Sanchez
Angeline Sarmiento
Teresa Sarofeem
Edward Schassburger

Rachel Schlossberger
Gabrielle Scott
Katherine Sheehan
Madison Sheeman
Paige Sideris
Aubrie Simpson
Samuel Sims
Eric Situ

Jenna Skipper
Kylie Slough
Charles Smith
Jordan Smith
Julia Smith
Steven Smith
Grace Snyder
Tyler Spain

Rachel Speckhard
Marianne Spencer
Jordan Spilde
Kamal Sprouse
Daniel Sroka
Haneen Srour
Noelle Stewart
Eric Stojkovich

Francesco Stoner
Jenna Strbiak
Anneliese Streeter
Kaitlynn Stricklin
Bradley Strozewski
Wyatt Strozewski
Oscar Suarez
Lindsey Surd

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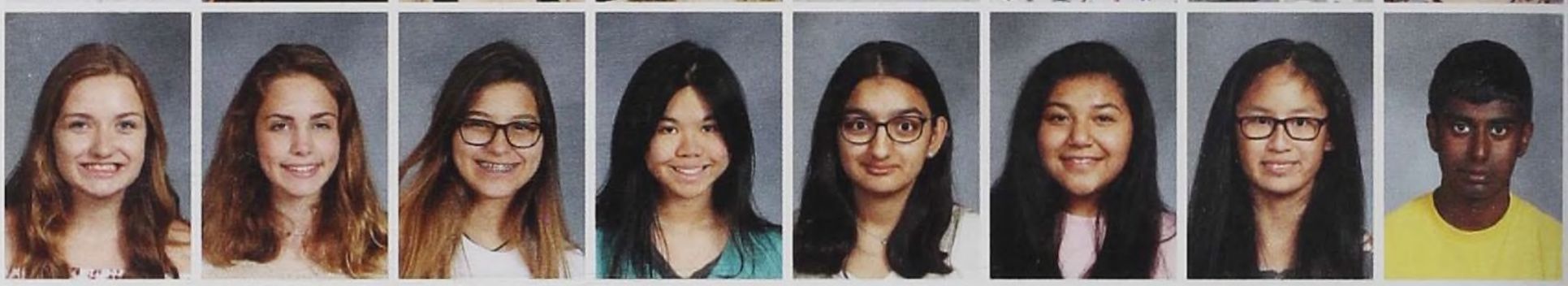

From local stage to big stage

Anna Raycroft, freshman, discusses her theater career

Story by Riley Ramirez

Theater is a series of events that not only makes you laugh, cry, and smile, but allows you to experience a story through a different perspective.

From hundreds of eyes to thousands, Anna Raycroft, freshman, performed in front of yet another audience; however, this time her performance was professional.

"My best performance would have to be this summer. I actually worked at a professional theater and got paid, which was really exciting," Anna said. "Which was a really unique performance that stood out to me."

Anna has grown up through theater, taking inspiration from her older sister, Alexandra Raycroft, class of 2017.

"My sister and I grew up watching shows right here in Munster Theater Company and I knew exactly what I wanted to do ever since then," Anna said. "I wanted to be just like her, she really has been my inspiration for everything."

Ever since Anna was five she knew what she wanted to do, and that was perform. This mentality not only lead her in leading roles, but a professional show.

"Performining as Granny in 'Beverly Hillbillies' was my biggest role I have ever played," Anna Raycroft said. "It was crazy. I had over a thousand lines."

To set the scene

During this scene, Anna Raycroft, freshman, pees herself on stage during the "Addams Family" performance. "Hearing the crowd crack up is one of he best feelings in the world, "Anna said. "That's how you know you are doing your job right." **Photo by Robert Young**

Pátience Thorbs
Nicholas Thorner
Mikel Tillman
Dylan Tonks
Aidan Torabi
Jerica Torres
Constantine Tsakopoulos
Devin Tucker

Ryan Tully
Brianna Vale
Tanner Van Ermen
India Vance
Eric Vasser
Kourtney Veals
Maarthvick Veligandla
Charles Vicari

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Alicia Watson
Cooper Watts

Thomas Weakland
Meg Westland
Tyra Wheaton
Jayla Williams
James Wilson
David Wodynski
Andrew Yang
Thomas Zangrilli

Benjamin Zegarra
Rita Zheng
Robert Zhou

Not pictured
David Fowler
Jacob Moffett
Martin Torres

The karate kid

Sarah Espiritu, freshman, explains her passion of tangsudo karate

Q. What type of karate did you practice and when did you start?

A. I practice tangsudo karate which is a branch off of taekwondo. I started karate when I was around eight years old.

Q. What got you interested in tangsudo karate?

A. I got interested in tangsudo karate one day when I was at the movie theaters and there was an advertsiment on. "If you break a wooden board, you recieve a free class". I then did that and started going to more classes.

Q. Have you ever won any awards or medals?

A. Yes, I have placed every time I competed in a tournament. I placed top three and I was actually the highest scoring first degree black belt in one of our tournaments.

Q. What is your favorite part about tungsudo karate?

A. My favorite part about tungsudo karate is probably the people I have met. We have a family bond.

Q. How often do you practice tangsudo karate and where do you practice karate?

A. Well normally I practice tangsudo karate around three times a week, but during soccer season I only get to go around once or twice a week. I practice at the Northwest Indiana Martial Arts Studio, in Schererville, near Toast and Jam.

Kickin' it
While wearing her black belt, Sarah Espiritu, freshman, jump kicked in the air. "I warm up by stretching and sometimes meditation," Sarah said **Photo submitted by Sarah Espiritu**

Fall Sports Reference

Boys' Cross Country

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Crown Point Invite	4th
Portage Invite	4th
Lake Central Invite	6th
Lafayette Invite	12th
Lowell Invite	5th
New Prairie Invite	10th
Highland Invite	4th
NCC Conference	2nd
IHSAA Sectional	2nd
IHSAA Regional	5th
IHSAA Semi-State	13th
IHSAA State	
Max Lindenmayer	107th

(front row) Will Feeney, Charles Iverson, Abraham Blaesing, Jacob Katz, Noah Villareal, Oliver Meraz **(second row)** Gabriel Tienstra, Linden Dannis, Stephen Heritage, Charles Vicari, Jacob Cipowski, Michael Collins **(back row)** Max Lindenmayer, Ari Arzumanian, Andrew Klaich, Matt Larrison, Juan Angel Olivencia, Anthony Young, Ethan Buck, Coach Aaron Brown

Girls' Cross Country

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Crown Point Invite	5th
Lake Central Invite	6th
Lafayette Harrison Invite	12th
New Prairie Invite	15th
NCC Conference	2nd
IHSAA Sectional	2nd
IHSAA Regional	4th
IHSAA Semi-State	16th
IHSAA State	
Hannah Robbins	67th

(front row) Maria Blaesing, Mary Buck, Gia Cvitkovich, Sydney Frantal **(second row)** Kristen Baurain, Alyssa Nahnsen, Sophie Hand, Kathryn Hemingway, Elizabeth Fesko, Brianna Pazdur **(back row)** Alison Lee, Regan Newby, Daniella Nahnsen, Hannah Robbins, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Myanne Zachary, Coach Lisa Oommen

Freshman Football

Overall 1-7

Lake Central	0	-41
Chesterton	7	-42
Highland	7	-25
Hammond Morton	**14**	**- 8**
Highland	0	- 13
Lowell	0	-35
Hobart	12	-35
Kankakee Valley	6	- 14

(front row) Dillon Murray, Noah Cruz, Martin Torres, Abe Centeno, Oscar Sanchez, AJ Prieboy, Lazaros Crenshaw **(second row)** Brandon Oganovich, Jack Fugger, Kabeer Mirjat, Cooper Watts, Damian Kasper, Alec Castillo, Joey Brunetti, Isaac Martin **(third row)** Terry Patterson, Luke Poole, Tomas Quiroga, Brendan Budeselich, Finn Meyer, Sam Sims, Aidan Torabi

Football

Varsity Overall 0 -10

Lake Central	7 - 37
Chesterton	0 - 40
East Chicago	0 - 16
Hammond Morton	7 - 69
Highland	3 - 30
Andrean	6 - 49
Lowell	3 - 48
Hobart	0 - 65
Kankakee Valley	0 - 42
Valparaiso	6 - 69

JV Overall 2 - 6

Lake Central	0 - 49
Chesterton	0 - 42
East Chicago	**27 - 9**
Morton	**29 - 12**
Highland	21 - 24
Andrean	20 - 21
Hobart	0 - 49
Kankakee Valley	14 - 42

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(front row) Addison Oakes, Kya Vesa, Uyai-Abasi Edet, Morgan karzagys, Hannah Zukley, Serena Marsh, Clara Terry, Dane Van Ghunt, Katie Kooy, Autumn Koszegi, Evneki Crenshaw, Alexander Lesinski **(second row)** Karl Larson, Amir Henderson, Alex Rodriguez, Chase Clark, Kimani Kemp, Anthony Wallace, Ruben Espinosa, Rashod Shine, Eric Salazar, Christian Carter **(third row)** Dimitrios Miles, Cameron Perry, Alexander Ayersman, Zachary Del Nagro, Joshua Noisette, William Rojas, Clayton Sinwelski, Vincent Foerster, Evan Stevens, Damion Perkins, Andrew Forszt **(fourth row)** Zachary Lenaburg, Blake Siurek, Alexander Pala, Noah Hensley, Noah Poole, Tarunveer Girn, Isaiah McCriston, Nick Eng, Joseph Burns, Edward Lewis **(fifth row)** Cesar Castro, Dawson Ginaven, Aleksandar Maric, Ronan Meyer, Evan Zukley, Caleb McKeever, Cole Lesinski, Austin Talbot, Xander Wilson, Ethan Pierce, Michael Dywan **(last row)** Assistant Coach Brian Vance, Assistant Coach Ryan Popa, Assistant Coach Ben Geffert, Head Coach Jason Grunewald, Assistant Coach Drew Martin, Assistant Coach Dillion Pierie, Athletic Trainer Steven Young, Athletic Trainer Victoria Wilson

Girls' Golf

Overall 12-2

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Andrean	**179 - 260**	**Hobart**	**180 - 215**
Lowell	**179 - 209**	**Highland**	**176 - 251**
Lake Central Invite	2nd - 368	**NCC Tournament**	**1st - 331**
Lake Central	176 - 175	Valparaiso	196 - 189
Highland	**176 - 251**	**Griffith**	**181 - 244**
Kankakee Valley	184 - 180	**Sectional**	**3rd - 371**
Highland	**184 - 248**	Regional	8th - 366

(front row) Grace Gozdecki, Emma Gossman, Ashley Burgess, Hannah Bard, Parkyr Guiton **(back row)** Ananya Sharma, Becky Jones, Coach Bill Smitka, Mirela Jeknic, Lilia Dahn

JV Boys' Soccer

Overall 12-2

Portage	**1 - 0**	**Andrean**	**5 - 0**
Penn	**2 - 1**	**Merrillville**	**4 - 1**
Bishop Noll	**3 - 0**	**Highland**	**3 - 0**
Lake Central	**2 - 1**	**St. Joseph**	**2 - 1**
Hobart	**8 - 0**	Zionville	0 - 2
Chesterton	**1 - 0**	**Pike**	**3 - 2**
Crown Point	0 - 0	**Kankakee Valley**	**6 - 0**

(front row) Ty Pappas, Charles Smith, Matthew Barnard, Evan Gill, Logan Carter, Dominick Smith, Francesco Stoner, Bobby Guy, Abner Chen **(second row)** Coach Demetri Georgalas, Bryan Rosales, James Ferguson, Ethan Miles, David Prado, Nolan Adams, Alexander Panos, Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos **(third row)** Joel Flores, Sami Issa, Caeden Taylor, Sam Latinovich, Charles Mason, Blake Marcotte, Adrian Christian

Fall Sports Reference

Varsity Boys' Soccer

Overall 9-3-4

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Portage	**6 - 1**	**Highland**	**1 - 0**
Penn	1 - 2	SBSJ	2 - 2
Bishop Noll	**5 - 1**	**Lowell**	**4 - 4**
Lake Central	1 - 4	ICRHS	1 - 1
Hobart	**2 - 0**	**Guerin Catholic**	**5 - 1**
Chesterton	1 - 1	**Kankakee Valley**	**5 - 0**
Crown Point	0 - 3	Sectionals	
Andrean	**6 - 1**	Hammond Morton	0 - 2
Merrillville	**9 - 1**		

(front row) Ethan Orange, Tyler Krucina, Tim Giannini, Nana-Nuro-Frimpong, Enrique Campos, Eric Harvath, Max Marich **(second row)** Coach Demetri Georgolas, Jacob Corner, Kyle Kaufmann, Gianluca Scalzo, Gianni, Mendoza, Max Arnold, Vitaliy Prots, Marco Amatulli, Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos **(back row)** Gavin Kinsella, Roman Garcia, Aleks Maric, Myles Peterson, PJ Katona, Afam Oniah, Michael Cundiff

(first row) Joslynn Rushdan, Ana Gaither, Madi Griegel, Grace Helmer, Olivia Choros, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, Juliana Nelson, Jordan Duff, Maureen Van Matre **(second row)** Coach Eleni Agelopoulos, Anna Castillo, Kayla Ziel, Abigail Steffen, Katy Nelson, Haneen Srour, Lauren Robinson, Myra Peralta, Emma Herring, Kylie Slough, Coach Erin Goodman **(third row)** Selma Srour, Marisa Paredes, Kenna Teske, Lillie Bednarowski, Sarah Espiritu, Madelyn Burns, Kylie Reed, Carson Kekelik **(back row)** Coach John Fekete, Maddi Bell, Lainie Gideon, Mattie Tengdin, Harper Swope, Alice Foley, Avery McKnight, Keira Hawk, Anushka Majety, Bianca Villarreal, Coach Valerie Pflum

Girls' Soccer

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Varisty Overall 11-1- 5		JV Overall 5 - 6	
McChutcheon	0 - 3	**Portage**	**3 - 0**
Carroll	0 - 2	Penn	1 - 3
Bellmont	**3 - 2**	**Hobart**	**4 - 0**
Portage	**6 - 0**	Lake Central	0 - 2
Penn	0 - 1	**Andrean**	**8 - 0**
Lake Central	0 - 3	Valparaiso	0 - 5
Andrean	**3 - 0**	**Highland**	**2 - 1**
Highland	**3 - 2**	Crown Point	0 - 2
Crown Point	1 - 1	Lowell	1 - 1
Hobart	**5 - 1**	**Merillville**	**4 - 0**
Lowell	**5 - 0**	Kankakee Valley	0 - 0
Merrillville	**9 - 0**		
Kankakee Valley	**3 - 2**		
Highland	**4 - 0**		
Crown Point	**1 - 0**		
East Chicago Central	**10 - 0**		
South Bend St. Joseph	4 - 1		

Boys' Tennis

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Varsity Overall 20-4

Lake Central	**5 - 0**	Sectionals	
Ft. Wayne Carroll	2 - 3	**Calumet**	**5 - 0**
Ft. Wayne Leo	**5 - 0**	**Highland**	**5 - 0**
Valparaiso	**5 - 0**	Semi-state	
Lowell	**5 - 0**	**Culver**	**4 - 1**
North Central Invite	2nd	State	
Kankakee Valley	**5 - 0**	Terre Haute South	2 - 3
Culver	**4 - 1**		
West Lafayette	**4 - 1**	JV Overall 12-2	
Penn	**5 - 0**	**Lake Central**	**9 - 2**
Highland	**5 - 0**	Valparaiso	6 - 6
Hobart	**5 - 0**	**Lowell**	**10 - 2**
Fishers Invite	**3 - 2**	**Culver**	**4 - 1**
Lawrence North	**5 - 0**	West Lafayette	2 - 3
Andrean	**5 - 0**	**Penn**	**3 - 2**
Homestead Invite	2nd	**Highland**	**4 - 0**
Chesterton	**5 - 0**	**Hobart**	**1 - 0**
Crown Point	**4 - 1**	**Fishers**	**2 - 0**
Regionals		**Lawrence North**	**2 - 0**
Morton	**5 - 0**	**Kankakee Valley**	**7 - 0**
Crown Point	**3 - 2**	**Illiana Christian**	**5 - 0**
		Chesterton	**9 - 5**
		Crown Point	**9 - 3**

(front row) Ryan Muntean, Evan Pruzin, Isaiah Kim, Srikar Thipirneni, Anthony Dato, Nikki Kondamuri, Daniel Sroka **(second row)** James Stewart, Rayhan Zaman, Peyton Specht, Nick Stephan, Peter Giannini, Max Ladd, Sami Muhrez, Kathir Venkat, Joe Webster, Ethan Park **(back row)** Coach Patrick Spohr, DJ Fesko, Caleb Grennan, Devin Gronkiewicz, Kenil Pachani, Sammy Fuller, James Krieg, Charlie Morton, Ben Dodge, Jacob Dzurovcik, Louis Wolf, Aleks Covic, Coach Anthony Kendall

Varsity Volleyball

Overall 21-6

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Crown Point	**2 - 3**	**South Bend**	**2 - 0**
LaPorte	**3 - 2**	**Lake Central**	**3 - 0**
Bishop Noll	**2 - 0**	**Highland**	**3 - 0**
Fort Wayne Carrol	**3 - 0**	**Kankakee Valley**	**3 - 0**
Penn	**3 - 0**	**Valparasio**	**3 - 0**
Homstead	**2 - 0**	McCutchen	2 - 3
Homewood-Flossmoor	0 - 2	**Andrean**	**3 - 0**
Lincoln-Way West	2 - 0	Marist	0 - 2
Plainfield North	1 - 2	Sectionals	
Lincoln-Way Central	**2 - 0**	**Merrillville**	**3 - 0**
Loyola Academy	1 - 2	**Lake Central**	**3 - 1**
Lowell	**3 - 0**	**Hammond Morton**	**3 - 0**
Andrean	**3 - 1**	Regionals	
Bishop Noll	**3 - 0**	Crown Point	2 - 3
Hobart	**3 - 0**		

(front row) Coach Sara O'Brien, Hannah Foster, Sarah Morton, Imani Kemp, Maddy Andrzejewski, Emma Miles, Patty Pfister **(second row)** Coach Brett Boden, Marina Gronkiewicz, Hazel Wolf, Sydney Foster, Sophia Farias, Coach Andrea Sullivan **(back row)** Lilly Lemke, Laila Wallace, Haley Melby, Emily Banaszek, Holly Kaim, Lulu Torres

JV Volleyball

Overall 26-3

Crown Point	0 - 2	**Valparaiso**	**2 - 0**
LaPorte	**2 - 1**	**Lowell**	**2 - 0**
Homewood-Flossmoor	**2 - 0**	**Lake Central**	**2 - 0**
Lowell	**2 - 0**	**Marian Catholic**	**2 - 0**
Andrean	**2 - 0**	**Lincolnway Central**	**2 - 0**
Bishop Noll	**2 - 0**	Lions	2 - 0
Hobart	**2 - 0**	**McCutcheon**	**1 - 2**
Mishawaka	**2 - 0**	**Andrean**	**2 - 0**
Westville	**2 - 0**	Hobart	2 - 0
Michigan City	**2 - 0**	**Marist**	**0 - 2**
Valparaiso	**2 - 0**	**New Prairie**	**2 - 0**
Lake Central	**2 - 1**	**Lowell**	**2 - 0**
Highland	**2 - 0**	**LaPorte**	**2 - 1**
Kankakee Valley	**2 - 0**	**Crown Point**	**2 - 1**

(front row) Arianna Rodriguez, Maddy Andrzejewski, Emma Miles, Mackenna Weatherly **(second row)** Basilia Kostopanagiotou, Grace Clark, Amy Savickis, Alexis Erving **(back row)** Coach Andrea Sullivan, Nicole Sullivan, Lauren Wallace, Sydney Lash, Olivia Paprstein

Freshman Volleyball

Overall 15-3

Crown Point	**W**	**Kankakee Valley**	**W**
Valparaiso	**W**	**Valparaiso**	**W**
Homewood-Flossmoor	L	**Lowell**	**W**
Lowell	**W**	**Kankakee Valley**	**W**
Andrean	L	**Andrean**	**W**
Hobart	**W**	**Lake Central**	**W**
Crown Point	**W**	**Hobart**	**W**
Lake Central	L	**Highland**	**W**
Highland	**W**	**Portage**	**W**

(front row) Jillianna Childs, Lindsey Surd, Isabella Boleski **(second row)** Paige Sideris, Victoria James, Charlize Lorenz, Angelis Kinard **(back row)** Coach Sarah O'Brien, Kaitlynn Stricklin, Brianna Vale, Margaret Heritage, Maya Prince, Bella Biegel

Winter Sports Reference

Freshman Boys' Basketball

Overall 6-15

Kankakee Valley	50 - 61	Gary West	33 - 49
Crown Point	25 - 45	**Griffith**	**50 - 41**
Lowell	**67 - 51**	Illiana Christian	28 - 45
Highland	30 - 42	**Andrean**	**51 - 47**
Hammond	28 - 68	East Chicago	32 - 50
Morton	**41 - 40**	Munster Tournament	
Hobart	**48 - 28**	Crown Point	30 - 35
Portage	38 - 50	Lake Central	35 - 40
Chesterton	32 - 50		
Lake Central	44 - 56	Merrillville	36 - 44
Bishop Noll	**41 - 29**	Valparaiso	33 - 53
LaPorte	31 - 47		

(front row) Andrew Cipowski, Dylan Devenny, Daniel Mansour, John Hayes, Derek Bravo, Isaiah Ramirez **(middle row)** Micah Holmes, Alex Orange, Robert Acevez, Peyton Johnson, Yasser Kudaimi, Henry Wilson, Yaw Awuah **(back row)** Coach Nick Fies, Sam Sims, Nick Roberts, Luke Macek, Cooper Watts, Joe Cipowski, Coach Dillon Pierie

(front row) Eddie Minniefield, Louis Meldgin, Preston Powe, Nick Stephan, Omar Jackson **(middle row)** Jamail Smith, Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, Bryce Williams, Peter Moreno, Sean Kimble, Mekhi Banks **(back row)** Coach Christian Young, Andrew Radziwiecki, Keith Kaszycki, Tyler Reyna, Coach Luke Hackett

JV Boys' Basketball

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Bishop Noll	**53 - 20**	Merrillville	42 - 56
Portage	**47 - 35**	**Michigan City**	**66 - 46**
Hammond	50 - 53	**Hobart**	**47 - 31**
Morton	**52 - 45**	**Lowell**	**49 - 38**
East Chicago	**57 - 36**	Valparaiso	32 - 61
Crown Point	43 - 46	**Griffith**	**51 - 43**
Hanover Central	**50 - 37**	**Chesterton**	**41 - 36**
Gavit	**51 - 35**	**Andrean**	**61 - 56**
Lake Central	37 - 43	**Clark**	**68 - 36**
Kankakee Valley	**54 - 43**	**LaPorte**	**54 - 53**
Highland	**43 - 36**		

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Overall 21-2

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Bishop Noll	**69 - 35**	**Highland**	**74 - 34**
Portage	**62 - 52**	**Merrillville**	**60 - 42**
Hammond	55 - 67	**Michigan City**	**63 - 42**
Morton	**67 - 43**	**Hobart**	**80 - 25**
East Chicago	**70 - 48**	**Lowell**	**74 - 67**
Crown Point	**41 - 28**	**Valparaiso**	**57 - 39**
Highland Holiday Tournament		**Griffith**	**71 - 37**
Griffith	**63 - 40**	**Chesterton**	**46 - 45**
Highland	**55 - 38**	**Andrean**	**59 - 53**
Lake Central	**47 - 38**	**Clark**	**75 - 29**
		LaPorte	**73 - 39**
Lake Central	**62 - 43**	Sectionals	
Kankakee Valley	**88 - 50**	Merriville	63 - 53

(front row) Tim Giannini, Jeremiah Lovett, P.J. Katona, Josh Davis, Luka Balac, Preston Powe **(middle row)** Keith Kaszycki, Bryce Schaum, Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, Clayton Bubash, Dane Hamilton **(back row)** Coach Jack Cundiff, Coach Dillon Pierie, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Christian Young, Coach Luke Hackett, Coach Nick Fies, Coach Greg Luksich

Freshman Girls' Basketball

Overall 12-6

Hanover Central 48 - 16	**Valparaiso 36 - 8**
East Chicago 28 - 26	Lowell 29 - 31
Gary Westside 36 - 17	Chesterton 22 - 30
Kankakee Valley 47 - 13	Crown Point 18 - 29
Portage 28 - 32	Kankakee Valley Invite
Lowell 26 - 28	**LaPorte 28 - 19**
Highland 29 - 8	**Kankakee Valley 37 - 15**
Lake Central 24 - 26	
Gavit 44 - 13	**Highland 23 - 11**
Griffith 39 - 20	**Portage 39 - 24**

(front row) Kimora Penn, Lauren Kuechenberg, Emily Lyza, Maya Prince, Alicia Powell, Autumn Koszegi, Gisele Alvarez **(back row)** Gia Cvitkovich (Manager), Coach Bernadette Grabowski, Akoama Odeluga, Daniella Nahnsen, Lily Mason, Coach Brianne Rubesha

JV Girls' Basketball

Overall 15-7

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LaPorte	28 - 42	**Hanover Central**	**24 - 23**
Highland	**39 - 18**	Lake Central Tourney	
Chesterton	36 - 43	Portage	29 - 45
Andrean	**44 - 27**	**Lake Central**	**41 - 33**
Morton	**57 - 19**	**TF South**	**31 - 18**
Lake Central	20 - 36	Crown Point	25 - 46
Hobart	**55 - 20**	**Kankakee Valley**	**32 - 23**
East Chicago	**47 - 26**	**Highland**	**33 - 8**
Lowell	**34 - 20**	**SB Adams**	**28 - 24**
Gary West Side	**39 - 18**	**Illiana Christian**	**52 - 9**
Calumet	**56 - 17**	Valparaiso	30 - 51

(front row) Morgan Kazragys, Trinity Hogge, Madeline McFeely, Mara Trivunovic, Piper Swope, Kaylauren Gruber, Dane Van Ghunt **(back row)** Gia Cvitkovich, Coach Brianne Rubesha, Olivia Porter, Zoie Bailey, Laila Mosley, Charlie Lorenz, Coach Bernadette Grabowski, Kya Vesa

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Overall 23-5

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SB Riley 63 - 43	**McCutcheon 51 - 18**
LaPorte 57 - 52	Marian 51 - 66
Chesterton 50 - 45	**Griffith 51 - 41**
Andrean 49 - 46	**TF South 48 - 40**
Morton 68 - 24	Crown Point 33 - 52
Lake Central 43 - 33	**Kankakee Valley 47 - 39**
Hobart 63 - 38	**Highland 41 - 30**
East Chicago 60 - 23	**SB Adams 62 - 54**
Lowell 73 - 45	**Illiana Christian 81 - 47**
Gary West Side 62 - 41	Valparaiso 46 - 63
Calumet 72 - 46	Sectionals
Hanover Central 47 - 41	**Gary West Side 66 - 40**
Portage 47 - 41	**Merrillville 53 - 47**
Winamac 51 - 28	**Lake Central 46 - 44**
	Regionals
	LaPorte 47 - 48

(front row) Morgan Kazragys, Grace Clark, Sara Zebrecky, Delaney McGinty, Nikki Sullivan, Aleena Mongerie, Kayla Ziel, Kya Vesa **(back row)** Dane Van Ghunt, Patty Pfister, Coach Brianne Rubesha, Emily Eisha, Becky Jones, Holly Kaim, Coach Jim Davidson, Coach Bernadette Grabowski, Coach Beth Raspopovich, Gia Cvitkovich

Winter Sports Reference

Cheerleading

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Despite not competing during the 2019-2020 season, cheer recaps their season.

"Pep rallies were one of the few times when it was all about us and not cheering for other people."

Beth Calgaro, 12

"I loved cheer, I was a bubbly person so it was perfect for me and pep rallies meant a lot. It was the only way we could show all of our skills since we don't at games."

Tyra Wheaton, 9

"Our team was so much more than just 'oh, let's get this over with.' It was more of a 'let's make this the best for our students and staff to watch the hard work we do.'"

Nikolina Marceta, 11

(front row) Gillian Bedenk, Lindsey Katalinic, Melina Chioros, Mianna Papageorge, Jorianna Hazel, KeNyah Foster, Alayna Eismin, Beth Calgaro **(second row)** Tyra Wheaton, Leena Campagna, Meagan Hudson, Taylor Perez, Kaylie Eriks, Hannah Cockrum, Alejandra Alvarado, Simona Terek **(third row)** Ava Raffin, Sara Rivera, Samantha Del Real, Nikolina Marceta, Estella Ozment, Aubrie Simpson, Ashlynn Burris **(back row)** Shira Tenenbaume, Lindsey Guy, Marissa Slivka, Bailee Dejarlais, Amaya Dandridge

(front row) Alayna Blasko, Emmaline Miller, Alexis Lepir **(middle row)** Meg Westland, Mia Buono, Sara Progler **(back row)** Gabriela Ruiz, Alicia Jones, Amyah Payton, Sarah Pruzin

JV Dance

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Marian		Homestead	
Pom	**72.93 / 1st**	**Pom**	**77.63 / 1st**
Jazz	65.37 / 2nd	**Jazz**	**79.57 / 1st**
Solo, Buono	74.43 / 3rd	Solo, Buono	82.27 / 2nd
Ensemble	66.7 / 3rd	Ensemble	76.63 / 2nd
Kahler		Lake Central	
Jazz	66.15 / 2nd	**Pom**	**76.83 / 1st**
Pom	73.65 / 2nd	**Jazz**	**74.37 / 1st**
UDA Chicagoland		Solo, Buono	83.43 / 3rd
Jazz	3rd	Ensemble	83.4 / 3rd
Pom	3rd		

Varsity Dance

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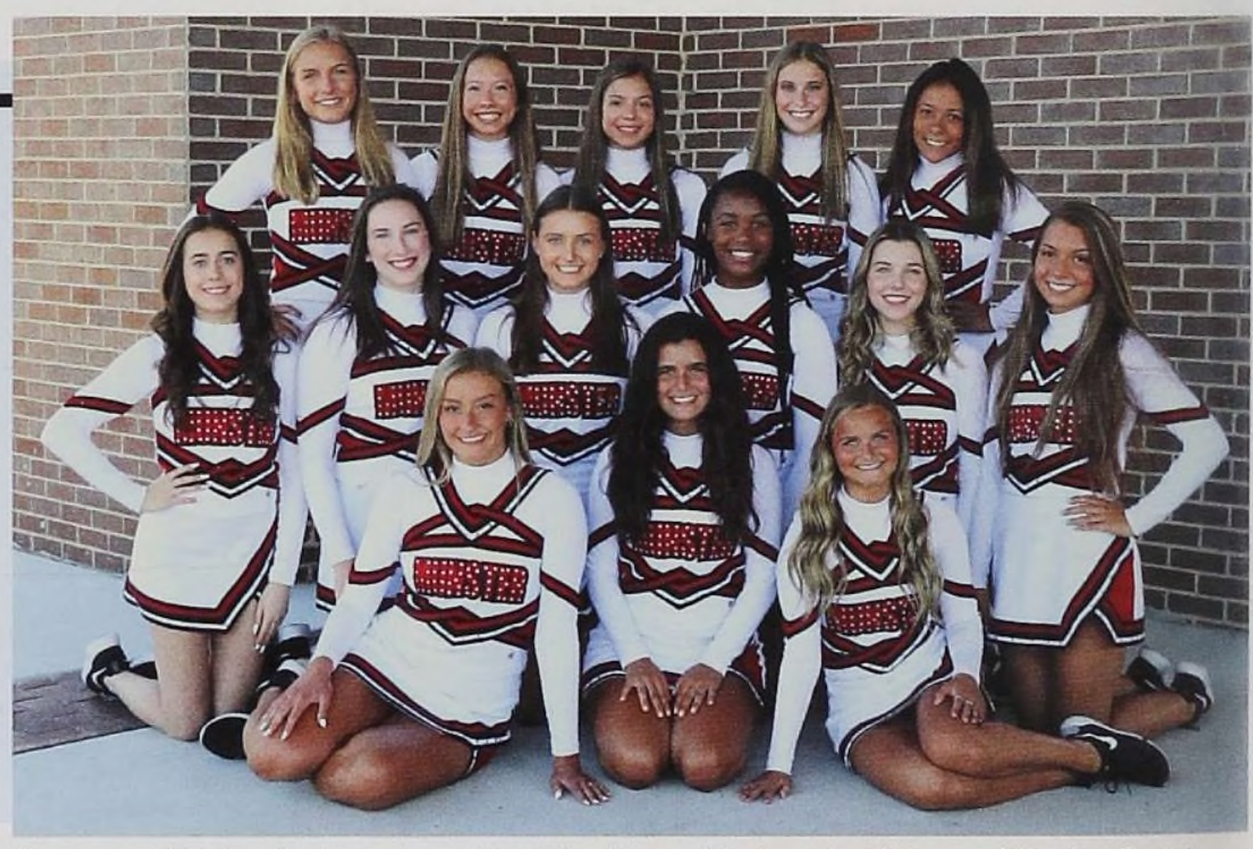
Marian		**Jazz**	**84.83 / 1st**
Pom	74.13 / 2nd	Solo, Graham	82.8 / 2nd
Jazz	74.63 / 2nd	**Solo, Ruckert**	**83.93 / 1st**
Solo, Graham	73.4 / 2nd	Solo, Silva	81.63 / 3rd
Solo, Ruckert	70 / 3rd	**Solo, Kosco**	**83.2 / 1st**
Solo, Silva	**79.33 / 1st**	**Duet, Poulston & Ruckert**	**80.8 / 1st**
Solo, Kosco	78.5 / 2nd	**Ensemble**	**78.1 / 1st**
Duet, Poulston & Ruckert	73.9 / 2nd	**Ensemble**	**85.83 / 1st**
Ensemble	**76.1 / 1st**	Lake Central	
Ensemble	73.8 / 2nd	**Pom**	**86.5 / 1st**
Kahler		**Jazz**	**89.13 / 1st**
Jazz	78 / 2nd	Solo, Ruckert	89.53 / 2nd
Pom	76 / 2nd	Solo, Silva	83.53 / 2nd
UDA Chicagoland		**Solo, Kosco**	**84.73 / 1st**
Jazz	88.63 / 7th	Duet, Poulston & Ruckert	80.77 / 2nd
Pom	85.83 / 6th	**Ensemble**	**88.57 / 1st**
Homestead		**Ensemble**	**84.53 / 1st**
Pom	**80.73 / 1st**	Nationals	5th



(front row) Abbey Ruckert, Layna Kounelis, Payton Poulston **(middle row)** Marina Gasich, Taylor Olmstead, Kailyn Oganovich, Taylor Graham, Halle Asplund, Clara Zuniga **(back row)** Avery Beerling, Cali Petersen, Peyton Collier, Jenna Kosco, Abigail Silva

Girls' Swimming and Diving

Varsity Overall 8-6

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Crown Point	**105**	**- 81**
Penn	78	- 108
Kankakee Valley	**142**	**- 41**
Hamilton Southeastern Invite	3rd	
Valparaiso	84	- 110
SB Riley	**127**	**- 53**
Lowell	127	- 58
Highland Invitational	2nd	
Hobart	**104**	**- 82**
Highland	**140**	**- 42**
Lake Central	85	- 101
Conference	**W**	
Chesterton	**128**	**- 58**
Sectionals	**1st**	**- 443**

(front row) Allison Burris, Casey McNulty, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Ava Jureczko, Ava Raffin, Rebecca Franco, Mary Buck, Anna Evilsizor Coach Cal-Jammie Richmond **(middle row)** Coach Anna Nasinska, Priscilla Zavala, Alicia Watson, Bailee Dejarlais, Clarisa Cortez, Georgiana Manojlovic, Samantha Buffano, Kamryn Soares, Savannah Frazier, Carson Kekelik, Maria Puliaeva, Rita Zheng, Sophia Brunetti, Coach Tina Schmidt-McNulty **(back row)** Maya Queroz, Mia Tumacder, Savannah Kunas, Emme Poulston, Ava Whitney, Elizabeth Hanas, Hannah Robbins, Sydni Branch, Erin Bryce, Angelica Rzeznikowski, Lucy MacDonald, Melinda Michalski, Olivia Candelaria

Boy's Swimming and Diving

Varsity Overall 12-3

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Crown Point	**119 - 61**
Penn	74 - 109
Kankakee Valley	**138 - 32**
Hamilton Southeastern Invite	2nd
Valparaiso	**118 - 65**
SB Riley	**120 - 60**
Highland Invitational	**1st**
Lowell	**112 – 58**
Hobart	**123 - 60**
Highland	**139 - 39**
Lake Central	**110 - 56**
Conference	**W - W**
Chesterton	**95 - 88**
Sectionals	**1st**
State	2nd

front row) Olivia Candelaria, Keegan Poulsen, Jordan Spilde, Noah Villarreal, Joshua Harvey, Isaac Martin, Karl Larson, Tobin Thayer, Maya Queroz **(middle row)** Coach Cal-Jammie Richmond, Kenny Reed, Michael Dempsey, Martin Barnard, Kyle Adams, Scott Robbins, Jack Burian, Max Austin, Aidan Smith, Victor Vatchev, Santiago Avila Rivera, Coach Dillion Thompson **(back row)** Coach Tina Schmidt-McNulty, Ilija Manojlovic, John Robbins, Holden Raffin, Nate Knutson, Jake Whitaker, Fenry Zhou, Grant Afman, Sage Lazzara, Steve Bryjak, Garrett Pazdur, Coach Leo Sawyer

Wrestling

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Plymouth Super Duals			Kankakee Valley Super Duals		
Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger	24	- 42	Crown Point	36	- 42
Lowell	16	- 66	Griffith	36	- 37
Norwell	12	- 72	**Hanover Central**	**44**	**- 36**
Peru	18	- 63	Kankakee Valley	18	- 50
Plymouth	9	- 60	Winamac Community	24	- 51
Traicoff Invitational					
Lowell	28	- 52	Lake County Championships	10th	
Calumet	**36**	**- 27**	Conference	5th	
Culver Acadameies	**42**	**- 36**	Gabriel Tienstra	3rd	
Franklin Community	6	- 77	Will Rojas	3rd	
Lake Station	36	- 39	Leo Tsirtsis	3rd	
Munster Super Duals			Alec Castillo	3rd	
Griffith	28	- 48	Sectionals	3rd	
Illiana Christian	30	- 39	Elijah Homan	3rd	
LaPorte	18	- 65	Gabriel Tienstra	2nd	
Michigan City	**62**	**- 0**	Will Rojas	2nd	
New Prairie	19	- 56	Alexander Borerro	3rd	
			Leo Tsirtsis	3rd	
Highland	**36**	**- 35**	**Steven Campbell**	**1st**	
Andrean	**49**	**- 24**	Regionals	9th	
Calumet	31	- 33	Steven Campbell	3rd	
Hobart	0	- 81			

(front row) Elijah Homan, Ethan Korwek, Luke Hermansen, Dhaval Chauhan, Ben Ondo, Wyatt Strozewski, Mateo Porras **(middle row)** Leilanni Ferrer, Dave Mueller, Gabe Tienstra, Leo Tsirtsis, Carson Roe, Alec Castillo, Robert Maldonado, Michael Armiras, Wesley Roe, Evneki Crenshaw **(back row)** Paul Maldonado, Assistant Coach Ezekiel Clark, William Rojas, Alexander Borrero, Steven Campbell, Markus Ciciora, Eddie Ortiz, Thomas Choros, Finn Meyer, Damian Perkins, Coach Zachary Slosser, Katherine Kooy

Club Reference

Club Photo Day took place on Dec. 5, reflecting first semester club membership. Club members told us their defining events.

Academic Super Bowl

Sponsor:
Mr. Keith Koszut, science teacher

Events:
Lowell Invite March
Qualifying Tournament
District Tournament April 21

(front row) Sihyun Yeo, Alison Lee, Akansha Chauhan, Ayush Arora, Joanne Hwang, Olivia Crescent. **(second row)** Jacob Mazumdar, David Bastos, Mikyla Farnell, Marisa Crescent, Anya Fitzpatrick, Cynthia Chockalingam **(third row)** Robert Zhou, Shriya Iyer, Saranya Sanaka, Srija Thipirneni, Khusi Jhaveri, Regan Newby, Sana Khan **(back row)** Antonio Campos, Ava Quasney, Stephanie Niemiec, Caroline Chael, Lauren Morris, Sophie Hand

(front row) Collin Garmon, Iris Gong, Margaret Heritage, Daniel Eriks, Gernie Galvan, Patrick Cullars **(second row)** Arman Kumar, Peter Hwang, Ben Mellon, Emily Shu, Cam Adams, Trina Tagamolila **(third row)** Richie Kicho, Aaron Perez, Joey Kicho, Aishik Dhori, Rayhan Zaman, Stephen Heritage **(back row)** Lilia Brunetti, James Krieg, Brett Soeka, Kevin Kvasnica, Samuel Fuller **(not pictured)** Austin Beetson, Martin Caravasanu, Uyai Edet, Gage Hoekstra, Jeneen Ishtawi, Victoria James, Leah Nozick

ASL Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Hannah Fus, ASL teacher

Officers:
President:
Ava Quasney, 11
Vice President:
Madeline Kozy, 12
Public Relations:
Shannen Smolinski, 10
Treasurer:
Jaelyn Guiton, 12
Secretary:
Lilly Lemke, 12

(front row) Lenore Moreno, Melina Chioros, Yalissa Rubio, Ashley Wills, Olivia Balbo, Ana Dimopoulos, Jaelyn Guiton **(second row)** Alyssa Meegan, Dori Clousing, Keegan Poulsen, Melanie Riordan, Elise Fedrick, Anne Gilhooly, Madeline Kozy **(back row)** Ariana Casas, Autumn Zager, Lauren Blocher, Gina Vellutini, Jorianna Hazel, Dane van Ghunt

(front row) Ava Quasney, Saranya Sanaka, Maureen Van Matre, Hailey Sullivan, Clara Terry, Lillian Lemke, Stephanie Niemiec, Olivia Crescent **(second row)** Nikolaos Zaromitidis, Athanasios Sotiropoulos, Shannen Smolinski, Mitchell Walsh, Morgan Kazragys, Caitlyn Klos, Erin Bryce, Aubrey Rivera **(back row)** Toan Nguyen, Alia Odtallah, Mary Anne O'Brien, Jonathon Delis, Ari Arzumanian, Evan Zukley, Hannah Zukley **(not pictured)** Zoe Ackermann, Christopher Canul, Patricia Castro, Marisa Crescent, Maria Delis, Alexa Hernandez, Rylee O'Mara, Mina Schuler, Mark Swanson, Harper Swope

If you could choose anyone to sponsor your club, who would it be?

"For Spanish Club, I would say Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, because he's a huge inspiration of hard work."
Lucas Dalla Costa, 11

"I would say Beyoncé to be our sponsor for winter guard, because she could really help us out with our choreography and she is just an icon."
Kayla Gruber, 12

"I would want Zendaya for Poetry Club because I love 'Euphoria.'"
Zion Asgedom, 10

Art Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Elena Lopez, art teacher

Officers:
President:
Matt Cortez, 12
Vice President:
John Cronin, 12

Events:
Cherish the Children
Design and paint chairs that are auctioned for charity

(front row) Graham Mikrut, Emma Zajakowski, Amelia Zajakowski, Ashton Rivera, Nhi Nguyen, Casey Wallace, Ana Dimopoulos, Lita Cleary **(back row)** Johnny Cronin, Deborah Abioye, Sadie Olesh, Mirela Jeknic, Sofia Pavlic, Tatianja Clark, Lauren Morris, Natasha Truett **(not pictured)** Matt Cortez, Mo Alam, Grace Hoehl

Freshman CEC

Sponsor:
Mr. Michael Coil, science teacher

Events:
Homecoming Playhouse
Sept. 6
Sold for charity

Reena Alsakaji's take on Freshman CEC:
"I feel like, at least for the freshmen, it's all been collective teamwork."

(front row) Rachel Speckhard, Autumn Koszegi, Reena Alsakaji, Gabriela Ruiz, Julia Gajewski, Esmeralda Martinez, Demi Vossos **(second row)** Patrick Cullars, Katherine Eisha, Anthony Dato, Emily Lyza, Madison Sheeman, Jasrah Ali, Isidora Pavlic **(back row)** Sydney Frantal, Oby Adindu, Lily Mason, Lauren Kuechenberg, Clare Regan **(not pictured)** Alicia Powell, Kayley Moore, Kamila Navarro, Ava Cheffer, Mia Cheffer, Alex Orange, Eileen Harkenrider, Kylie Slough, Madelyn Burns, Nicholas Hanas, Gia Cvitkovich, Janai Munoz, Gracie Kisala, Emma Ryan, Makena Mendoza, Ethan Diaz, Angelise Lopez

(front row) Violet Luna, Julia Hoop, Jordan Garrison, Emma Gossman, Susan Rabie, Kaylie Eriks, Alayna Blasko, Lauren Dolatowski, Elena Yanef **(second row)** Calista Petersen, Jada Smith, Nhi Nguyen, Anna Babus, Habiba Ouyuon, Preciosa Rivera, Grace Roberts, Bailee DeJarlais, Ava Jureczko **(third row)** Kathleen Curtin, Grace Clark, Caitlyn Klos, Amelia Chism, Marley Anderson, Kerra Sepanski, Arianna Bender, Kenna Teske, Peyton Collier **(back row)** Paige Vukadinovich, Brook Maul, Lindsey Reda, Ava Whitney, Keira Hawk, Tatianja Clark **(not pictured)** Leira Alvarez, Maya Queroz, Natasha Truett, Faith Vegter, Gia Weis, and Ayat Odtallah

Sophomore CEC

Sponsors:
Mrs. Katie Harris and Mr. Dusan Vidovic, math teachers

Event:
Homecoming Playhouse
Sept. 6
Sold for charity

Junior CEC

Sponsor:
Ms. Valerie Pflum, math teacher

Events:
Prom
April 25

Designing Homecoming T-Shirts
September

Homecoming Playhouse
Sold for charity

(front row) Aubrey Chelich, Brink Wolak, Ananya Sharma, Cynthia Chockalingam, Claire Nowak, Kayla Ziel, Waaniya Irfan, Emma Herring, Emily Guerrero **(second row)** Tyler Devenny, Lucas Alvarez, Avery McKnight, Kylie Reed, Clarisa Cortez, Halle Asplund, Kathryn Hemingway, Marina Gasich **(back row)** Kailyn Oganovich, Harper Swope, Emily Rakich, Taylor Graham, Sydni Branch, Aleena Mongerie, Jaelyn Williams, Uyai Edet, Sydney Skrobot **(not pictured)** Taylor Olmstead, Clara Zuniga

(front row) Korrine Tate, Alexis Lindenmayer, Anya Fitzpatrick, Vanessa Villarreal, Lucy Torres, Alyssa Valadez, Ashley Wills **(second row)** Max Buka, Emily Dato, Lily Yalowitz, Brooke Gardiner, Sophie Hand, Caroline Chael, Mollie Clark, Alyssa Nahnsen **(third row)** Aidan Smith, Clara Terry, Isabella Scalzo, Maddie Sharp, Gina Vellutini, Erin Bryce, Emily Eisha, Kayla Gruber **(back row)** Sean O'Rourke, April Roberts, Milena Trivunovic, Grace Gozdecki, Antonia Linnane, Benjamin Goldman, Clarissa Iwachiw, Faith Blair **(not pictured)** Maria Delis, Annie Foreit, Elizabeth Hanas, Layna Kounelis, Robert Maldonado, Delaney McGinty, Melinda Michalski, Kiari Nero, Olivia Newman, Katarina Petrovic, Payton Poulston, Ava Sopcic, Kya Vesa

Senior CEC

Sponsors:
Ms. Beth Raspopovich, math teacher, and Ms. Kristen Szafasz, social studies teacher

Events:
Senior Banquet
May 8
Cafeteria

Erin Bryce's take on Senior CEC:
"I wanted to be a part of the planning for the different events that the school has."

Chess Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Sheri Engstrom, Frank H. Hammond teacher

Officers:
President:
Ben Mellon, 11
Officers:
Caeden Taylor, 11
Brett Soeka, 11
Blake Marcotte, 11

Events:
Practice
Every Tuesday
WWMS Cafeteria

(front row) Rayhan Zaman, Demetrios Fotopoulos, Ben Mellon, Ajitesh Lalam, Isaac Ramirez **(back row)** Srikar Thipirneni, Blake Marcotte, Caeden Taylor, Robert Young, Brett Soeka **(not pictured)** Devin Gronkiewicz, Ethan Diaz

(front row) Saranya Sanaka, Srija Thipirneni, Casey Wallace, Lita Cleary, Lyla Cruz **(back row)** Evan Vasser, Ana Vujadinovic, Morgan Docter, Trina Faith Tagamolila, Sofia Pavlic, Madison Sheeman **(not pictured)** Caroline Baurain, Lilia Dahn, Ryan Hughes, Carli Strbiak, Mercedez Williams, Gina Lesniak

Creative Writing Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Elena Lopez, art teacher

Officers:
Saranya Sanaka, 12
Casey Wallace, 12
Sofia Pavlic, 11
Srija Thipirneni, 12

Srija Thipirneni's take on Creative Writing Club:
"I've been in the club since ninth grade, and I've grown to love reading even more."

Club Reference

Marching Band

Sponsor:
Mr. Bret Winternheimer, Band Director

Officers:
Drum Majors:
Zoe O'Shaughnessy, 12
Sasha Ilijevski, 10

Events:
ISSMA State Finals
Nov. 9
Lucas Oil Stadium
4th Place

(front row) Jackie Bevil, Skye Foster, Jaylin Turner, Natalia Coronel-Espinal, Alyssa Valadez, Krysten Caradine, Christine Kim, Sarah Pruzin, Madeline Ruiz **(second row)** Khusi Jhaveri, Gabriela Nieves, Molly Manion, Mateo Porras, Ashlynn Booker, Alejandra Salas, Sincere Meyers, Katelyn Calderon **(third row)** Finn Manion, Catherine Cronin, Brynn Bradley, Cameron Pischner, Iris Gong, Brook Maul, Myanne Zachary, Shane Hoogewerf **(back row)** Henry Hofferth, Emilio Rosales, Evan Pruzin, David Gonzalez, Joseph Wedgeworth, Gavin Clark, Serena Alvarez, Parker Olsen

(front row) Christopher Perez, Lauren Morris, Melinda Michalski, Antonio Cantu, Garrett Tienstra, Nova Dillon, Sasha Ilijevski, Miguel Gambetta, Cynthia Vasquez **(second row)** Milena Trivunovic, Morgan Krouse, Maddie Bevil, Beatriz Borrelly, Anastasia Kapustina, Annie Gihooly, Ryan Muntean, Emilio Cantu, Abi Kandregula **(third row)** Josh Mathew, Austin Beetson, David Cohen, Lauren Blocher, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, Keegan Gorang, Bradley Jimenez **(back row)** Katherine Eisha, Jayla Williams, Michael Van Deursen, Elisha Rosinski, Daniel Tabaczynski, Gabriel Tienstra, Mara Trivunovic, Korey Allen

Color Guard

Sponsor:
Mrs. Lyndee Govert, math teacher

Officers:
Captain:
Claire Powell, 12

Events:
ISSMA State Finals
Nov. 9
Lucas Oil Stadium

(front row) Madison Beetson, Claire Powell, Belle Perez, Priscilla Ortiz, Abbey Gorny, Lexi Perez, Jenai Panora, Anna Carrillo-Luna, Alyssa Lebron, Maria Barron **(back row)** Juliette Miranda, Olivia Evilsizor, Lauralyn Courtney, Mindy Eickleberry, Georgie Manojlovic, Jada Smith, Elise Fedrick, Priscilla Gallardo, Isabel Rodriguez, Jordan Garrison **(not pictured)** Vanessa Situ

(front row) Shannen Smolinski, Madison Beetson, Claire Powell, Isabella Perez, Prisilla Ortiz, Abbey Gorney, Jenai Panora, Anna Carrillo-Luna, Alyssa Lebron **(second row)** Sincere Meyers, Juliette Miradna, Mindy Eickleberry, Georgiana Manojlovic, Jada Smith, Elise Fedrick, Priscilla Gallardo, Jordan Garrison **(back row)** Clare Regan, Amber Payne, Erin Bryce, Kayla Gruber, Isis Franklin, Skye Foster, Austin Beetson, Krysten Caradine, Brook Maul **(not pictured)** Olivia Evilsizor, Emylee Gomez, Alexis Perez

Winter Guard

Sponsor:
Mrs. Lyndee Govert, math teacher

Officers:
Caption:
Claire Powell, 12

Events:
Winter Guard International
March 1
Chicago

Marching Band

David Cohen's take on Marching Band:
"It's a lot of work and there are definitely highs and lows, but the moment at the end of the season when you see the crowd of thousans cheering for you at Lucas Oil Stadium makes it all worth it."

(front row) Chris Matthew, Ilija Manojlovic, John Banaszak, Hector Gomez, Daniel Nozick, Leah Nozick, Emily Shu, Amber Payne, Elliot McKeever **(back row)** Jake Whitaker, Quinn Hasse, Oliver Segvich, Kortlynd Lukowski, Peter Gallagher, Mihail Babus, Henry Sklar **(not pictured)** Fiti Pirok, Veer Jhaveri, Spencer Wedgeworth, Diego Casas, Joseph Hladek, Kevon Carter, Emylee Gomez, Payton Wujek, Andrew Witten, Lana Salahieh, Nora Salahieh, Peter Barron, Aaron Brody, Charity Ibikunle, Emma Kavalec, Jack Sklar, Adam Clark, Ben Witten, Shail Patel, Liam Boyle, Vanessa Situ

Jazz Band

Sponsor:
Mr. Ian Marcusiu, jazz teacher

Officers:
President:
Henry Sklar, 12

Events:
Pasta Pizzazz
March 8
WWMS

(front row) Henry Sklar, Shane Hoogewerf, Kevon Carter, Skye Foster, Ryan Muntean, Chris Perez, Gabby Nieves, Jenai Panora, Natalia Coronel, Madison Beetson **(second row)** Mihail Babus, Henry Hofferth, Emilio Rosales, Corey Dennis, Sincere Meyers, Aleksandar Ilijevski, Cameron Pischner, Emilio Cantu, Daniel Tabaczynski **(back row)** Amber Payne, Elliott Mckeever, Katherine Eisha, Jayla Williams, Brynn Bradley, Evan Pruzin, Antonio Cantu, Serena Alvarez, Brook Maul **(not picutred)** Peter Gallagher

Vibraphone zone

During a nightime practice session for Marching Band, Andrew Witten, sophomore, plays the vibraphone. Andrew was a part of the marching band and played the vibraphone for two years. "I have a lot of friends in marching band and it is really cool to play music with them," he said.

Photo by Max Lindenmayer

If you could choose a mascot for your club, what would it be?

"I would say a lion because they are agressive, intelligent animals and seem like they would be good at arguing."
Keira Hawk, 10
Speech and Debate

"Monkeys, because they can learn sign language."
Jaelyn Guiton, 12
ASL Club

"I would choose an owl because they have a sort of mysterious and thoughtful aspect about them and poetry reminds me of that."
Atarah Israel, 10
Poetry Club

Best Buddies

Sponsor:
Ms. Hannah Fus, ASL teacher
Mrs. Anne Copp, math teacher

Officers:
President:
Lilly Lemke, 12
Vice President:
Maddie Kozy, 12

Events:
Best Buddies Friendship Walk
May

Best Buddies Bowl
Jan. 24
Fieldhouse

(front row) Taylor Duff, Maddie Kozy, Sean Cleary, Jason Donovan, Anya Fitzpatrick, Harrison Gill, Tyler Groen, Hannah Gossman, Lilly Lemke **(second row)** Isidora Pavlic, Lalia Wallace, Ben Greiner, Matthew Keilman, Phillip Lemke, Ethan Orange, Natalie Ostrow, Molly Manion, Devin Downs, Grace Clark **(third row)** Katherine Sheehan, Emily Banaszak, Clara Terry, Delilah Salazar, Alyssa Valadez, Camille Renwald, Autumn Zager, Michael Chamberlain, Matthew Certa **(fourth row)** Juan Olivencia, Peyton Collier, Chloe Lambert,Morgan Kazragys, Caitlyn Klos, Lillian Mason, Zackery Edwards, Julianna Dodge, Mollie Clark, Elizabeth Hanas **(back row)** Sarah Morton, Lourdes Torres, Sam Latinovich, Amber Payne, Marisa Crescent, Ellie Brennan, Emma Gossman, Nicole Sullivan, Angela Ortega, Isabel Alvarez **(not pictured)** Grace Clark, Haley Melby, Mariah Vasquez, Nick Curski, Andrew Keilman, Alexander Lesinski, Anthony Montella, Jason Bensema, Julie Alvarez, Lindsey Reda

Ruthless referee

Playing the role of a referee, Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, social studies teacher, participates in the Best Buddies Bowl with Alex Lesinski, senior. The Best Buddies team dominated the opponent team of football players with a score of 116 to 63. "The kids are doing something they probably wouldn't do and I am glad to be a part of it," Mr. Kalwasinski said. **Photo provided by Stan Kalwasinski**

Civics Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Kristen Szafasz and Mr. Don Fortner, social studies teachers

Officers:
President:
George Dimopoulos, 12

Events:
Monthly Meetings
Wednesdays
N190

(front row) Megan Flynn, Shriya Iyer, Ananya Sharma, Emma Herring, Srishti Sarkar, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Patrick Cullars, Jordan Duff, Clara Zuniga, Kylie Reed, Grace Gozdecki, Kailyn Oganovich **(third row)** Zarah Mora, Belle Mora, Naomi Fefferman, Hiba Fatima, Sierra Sweeney, Lindsey Reda **(back row)** Catherine Clements, Aidan Chism, Dori Clousing, Gage Hoekstra, Maya Kenny, Ava Quasney

(front row) Marwah Tarakey, Ethan Park, George Dimopoulos, Arman Kumar, Safaa Tarakey, Taylor Graham, Nikolaos Zaromitidis, Emily Rakich **(second row)** Charlie Morton, Ethan Castillo, Maria Delis, Max Buka, Mikey Dempsey, Kiari Nero, Karl Larson **(back row)** Benjamin Goldman, Kathir Venkat, Louie Wolf, Sam Latinovich, Max Ladd, Joey Marcus, Abbey Ruckert, Harper Swope **(not pictured)** Thomas Choros, Alice Foley, Carson Kekelik, Delaney McGinty, Olivia Newman

Enviromental Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Hannah Fus, ASL teacher

Officers:
Lucy Torres, 12
Lilia Brunetti, 12
Nadia Perdue, 11
Molly Manion, 11
David Cordova, 11

Events:
Plastic Bottle Recycling

(front row) Daisy Ruiz, Zach Blair, Alyssa Valadez, Angela Ortega, Lucy Torres, Gabby Nieves, Matthew Keilman,Taylor Duff **(second row)** Molly Manion, David Cordova, Lauren Morris, Rachel Dawson, Sincere Meyers, Antonio Campos, Cynthia Vazquez, Lorena Campos, Stephany Camacho **(third row)** Lilia Brunetti, Richard Ballentine, Emily Eisha, Shannen Smolinski, Summer Gill, Mirela Jeknic, KeNyah Foster, Mia Terek, Ashley Wills **(back row)** Kristen Baurain, Noah Wilson, Josh Zatorski, Andrew Keilman, Ariana Casas, Joshua Jennings, Madeline McFeely, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, Hannah Zukley **(not pictured)** Leira Alvarez, Anna Babus, Christian Campos, Caitlyn Klos, Alison Lee, Ava Lukacsek, Faith Muczynski, Nadia Perdue, Evan Ringer, Delilah Salazar

eSports

Sponsor:
Mr. Michael Paprstein and Mr. Jacob Adams eSports coaches

Officers:
President:
Hailey Mize-Block, 12

Events:
State Finals
Dec. 7
Microsoft Store
Indianapolis
2nd Place

(front row) Haley Mize-Block, Ethan Boersma, Aaron Gorny, Wyatt Strozewski, Andrew Yang, Alisha Evans, Carli Strbiak **(second row)** Morgan Docter, Kayla Gruber, Sirius Ortiz, Garrett Tienstra, Zachary Best, Erin Bryce, Mercedez Williams **(third row)** Abbey Gorny, Michael Bowers, Robert Tengdin, George Fischer, Keoni Kobelansky, Tommy Zangrilli **(back row)** Sage Lazzara, Krishna Lakshmanamurthy, Anthony Montella, Mark Caraher **(not pictutred)** Bradley Strozewski, Brenden George, Deondre Fuller, Eric Situ, Ian Magallones, Isaac Ramirez, Jackson O'Dea, Jaden Williams, Leonard Linn, Lucas Barath, Marco Long, Martin Caravateanu, Nicholas Pascarella, Noah Cruz, Noemi Mena, Oscar Suarez, Steven Smith, Tyler Krucina, Ubin Kim, Vitaliy Prots

Club Reference

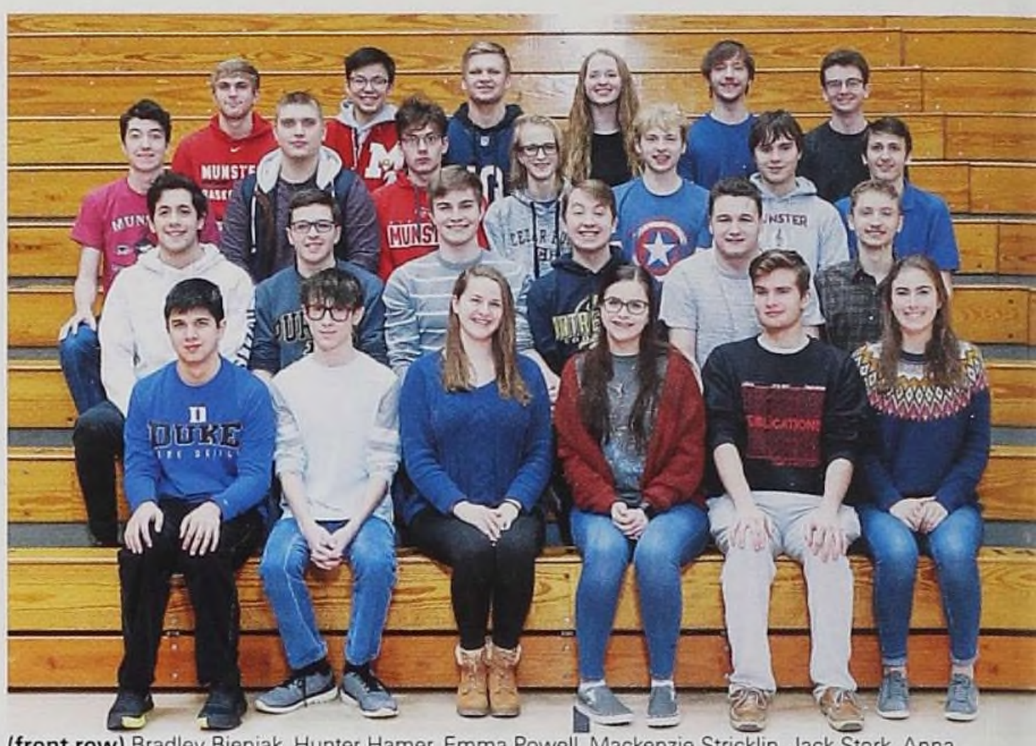
Chorale

Sponsor:
Mr. Robinson, choir director

Officers:
Section Leaders:
Soprano:
Caroline Chael, 12
Bass:
Luke Barath, 12
Alto:
Claire Powell, 12
Tenors:
Mitchell Walsh, 12

Events:
Indiana Music Educators Association Conference
Jan. 18
Fort Wayne

(front row) Ariel Velasco, Jorianna Hazel, Amanda Jonquet, Madison Jonquet, Elena Yanef, Taylor Perez **(second row)** Marisa Walsh, Irene Tsakopoulos, Claire Nowak, Eliana Candelaria, Lenore Moreno, Claire Powell **(third row)** Camryn Hayes, Robyn DeJoan, Jamie DeJoan, Samantha Buffano, Emma Bozic, Zoe Burnett **(back row)** Adan Porras, Stephanie Niemiec, Dori Clousing, Caroline Chael, Nadia Perdue, Shannon Coughlin



(front row) Bradley Bieniak, Hunter Hamer, Emma Powell, Mackenzie Stricklin, Jack Stork, Anna Speckhard **(second row)** Cris Aguilar, James Shelton, Jack Sullivan, Noel Fary, Mitchell Walsh, Luke Barath **(third row)** Mikey McDunn, Zachary Grabelle, Michael Fugger, Keith Martin, Ethan Buck, Ben Mellon, Michael Parianos **(back row)** Tim Giannini, Andrew Wittkamp, Mike Dywan, Hannah Zukley, Adam Mohrs, Ben Hand

Describe your club in one word.

"Chaos."
Josephine Mittelberger, 9
Theater

"Relaxing."
Olivia Paprstein, 10
SADD

"Fulfilling."
Amber Payne, 10
Best Buddies

"Family."
Dom Smith, 10
Project X

"Collaborative."
Aaron Gorny, 11
eSports

"Beefy."
Jenai Panora, 11
Color Guard

"Welcoming."
Emily Guerrero, 11
GSA

"Intriguing."
Lucas Alvarez-Carey, 11
Poetry Club

"Engaging."
Kiari Nero, 12
Speech & Debate

"Therapeutic."
Amir Henderson, 12
Orchestra

"Choatic."
Erianna Sims, 12
Crier

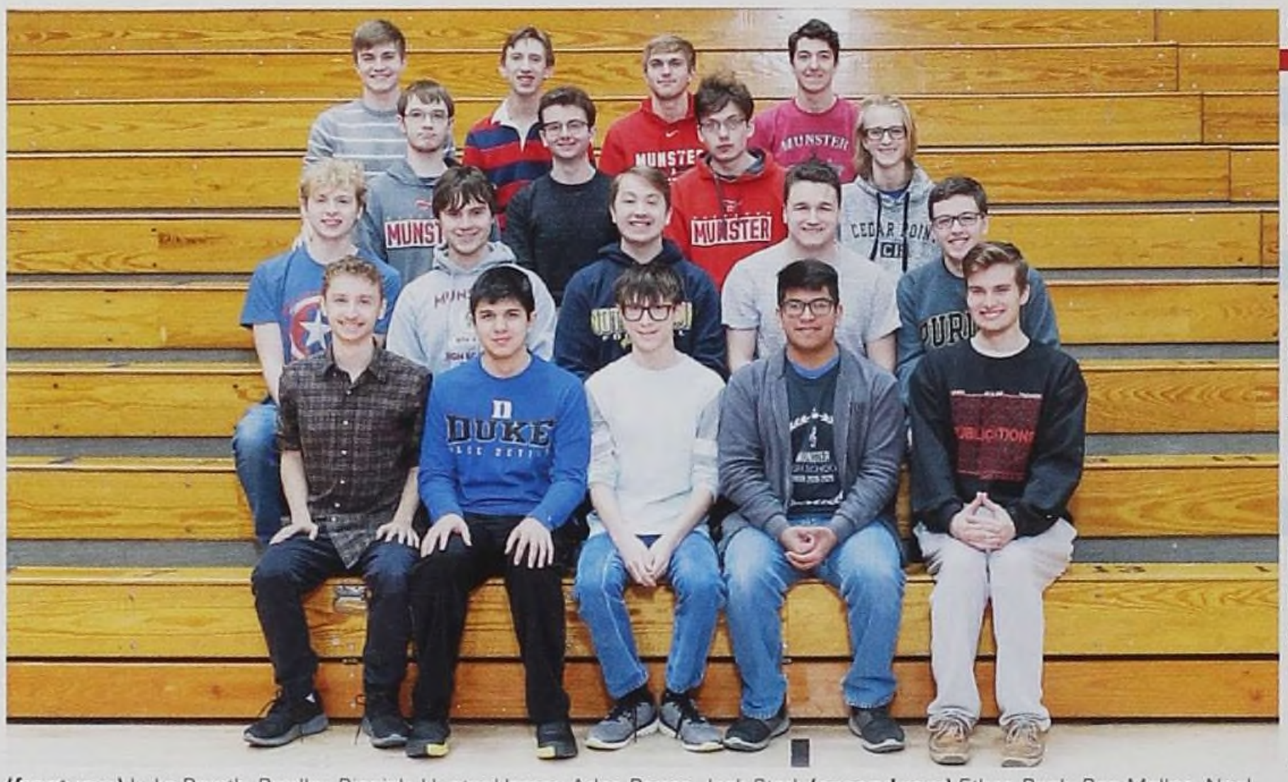
"Whimsical."
Matt Cortez, 12
Art Club

SING

Sponsor:
Mr. Andrew Robinson, choir director

Officers:
Section Leaders:
Bass:
Luke Barath, 12
Tenor:
Mitchell Walsh, 12

Events:
Practices
Mondays 3-4p.m.
S141
Holiday Concert
Dec. 10
Auditorium



(front row) Luke Barath, Bradley Bieniak, Hunter Hamer, Adan Porras, Jack Stork **(second row)** Ethan Buck, Ben Mellon, Noel Fary, Mitchell Walsh, James Shelton **(third row)** Mark Caraher, Ben Hand, Michael Fugger, Keith Martin **(back row)** Jack Sullivan, Tim Giannini, Mikey McDunn, Sammy Fuller

SONG

Sponsor:
Mr. Andrew Robinson, choir director

Officers:
Section Leaders:
Soprano:
Caroline Chael, 12
Alto:
Claire Powell, 12

Events:
Practices
Mondays 4-5 p.m.
S141
Holiday Concert
Dec. 10
Auditorium

(front row) Claire Powell, Ariel Velasco, Mandy Jonquet, Taylor Perez, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Marisa Walsh, Alyssa Sangueza, Rachel Speckhard, Claire Nowak, Irene Tsakopoulos **(third row)** Stephanie Niemiec, Dori Clousing, Caroline Chael, Nadia Perdue, Regan Qunell **(back row)** Hannah Zukley, Carina Crisan, Anna Speckhard, Shannon Coughlin

GSA

Sponsor:
Ms. Peggy Matanic, English teacher

Officers:
President:
Olivia Quinones, 11
MJ Migliore, 10
Vice President:
Emily Guerrero, 11

Events:
3 Reasons Why Not
Feb. 13

Diversity Dinner
March

(front row) Amanda Jonquet, Ayana Martin, Laci Pala, Linda Ramirez, Ashton Rivera, Demi Vossos, Madelyn Plant **(second row)** Julia Smith, Gage Hoekstra, MJ Migliore, Lucas Alvarez, Roman Thompson, Olivia Quinones **(back row)** Fiona Aune, Ana Vujadinovic, Solomon Flores, Autumn Koszegi, Tatianja Clark, Emily Guerrero **(not pictured)** Briana Martinez, Lauryn Leahy, Erica Garcia, Luka Stepanovich, Katie Eisla, Sarah Halun, Grace Hoehl, Mark Swanson, Tim Kaufman, Jasmyn Eckhoff, Alexa Hernandez

Jewish Culture Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher

Officers:
Presidents:
Emma Stricker, 12
Max Buka, 12

Events:
Hanukkah Party
Dec. 14
N127

(front row) Niko Zaromitidis, Taylor Olmstead, Dori Clousing, Keira Hawk, Milena Trivunovic, Shriya Iyer, Emma Herring **(second row)** Waaniya Irfan, Daniel Nozick, Bryce Williams, Roman Garcia, Jonathan Bryson-Harvey, Aidan Smith, Joe Webster, Max Buka **(third row)** Jordan Duff, Mihail Babus, Aishik Dhori, Benjamin Goldman, Taylor Graham, Kailyn Oganovich, Leah Nozick **(back row)** Carson Kekelik, Hannah Bard, Noah Poole, Habiba Ouyuon, Ami Shah, Anna Babus, Chris Shaver, Aleks Maric **(not pictured)** Hannah Cockrum, Sarah Halun, Gage Hoekstra, Anushka Majety, Rimsha Siddiqui, Emma Stricker

French Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Jennifer Kennedy-Cole, French teacher

Board:
Lilia Brunetti, 12
Caroline Chael, 12
Ariel Velasco, 12
Diana Ayala, 12

Events:
Welcome Party
Dec. 12
S168
Impressionist Painting
Jan. 30
S168

(front row) Srija Thipirneni, Joanne Hwang, Ariel Velasco, Lilia Brunetti, Caroline Chael, Emily Guerrero, Cynthia Vazquez **(second row)** Abigail Steffen, Vanessa Vasquez, Casey Wallace, Naomi Fefferman, Josephine Mittelberger **(third row** Zahrya Grimes, Rebecca Franco, Finn Manion, Anna Babus, Tatianja Clark, Anna Szafasz, Rachel Speckhard, Molly Manion **(back row)** Nikolai Hoogewerf, Amanda Beaudouin, Sofia Pavlic, Lauren Phelps, Regan Newby, Emily Sun, Sophia Brunetti

(front row) Taylor Graham, Stephanie Niemiec, Mirela Jeknic, Sophie Hand, Mehak Sidhu, Jude Ouyuon, Bayan Musleh **(second row)** Esperanza Navarro, Ariel Gallardo, Allison Burris, Jaelyn Williams, Sydni Branch, Emma Phillips, Ameer Igue **(third row** Lauren Morris, Lana Salahieh, Paige Sideris, Paris Marshall, Evneki Crenshaw, Rachel Vanek, Hannah Salamanca, Belinda Mendoza **(back row)** Luka Stepanovich, Luke Aune, Samuel Fuller, Aishik Dhori, Isaiah Rosinski, Rayhan Zaman, Fiona Aune, Emily Shu **(not pictured)** Madiha Ali, Hannah Cockrum, Patrick Cullars, James Ferguson, Anne Gilhooly, Rajiv Kalluri, Maya Queroz, Danna Safi, Jusara Salem, Alyssa Sangueza, Hannah Van Buskirk, Evan Vasser, Samantha Vesper, MacKenna Weatherly, Diana Ayala

Spanish Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Malagon, Spanish teacher

Officers:
President:
Emma Stricker, 12
Vice President:
Serena Alvarez, 12

Events:
Salsa Dancing
Sept. 11
Commons

(front row) Mehak Sidhu, Katie McComis, Teresa Burzynski, Gabriela Ruiz, Emily Guerrero, Anthony Bellahcen, Olivia Crescent **(second row)** Ami Shah, Christian Campos, Emma Stricker, Arianna Bender, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Anya Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Del Real **(third row)** Shriya Iyer, Patrick Cullars, Rahi Patel, Sihyun Yeo, Mikyla Farnell, Alison Lee, Miguel Gambetta **(back row)** Jude Ouyuon, Rimsha Siddiqui, Habiba Ouyuon, Violet Luna, Hannah Van Buskirk, Annie Gilhooly, Mia Tumacder

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Club Reference

What would be your club uniform?

"Sweatpants and sweatshirts."
Shannen Smolinski, 10
ASL Club

"Trench coats for Speech and Debate."
Francis Hovland, 11
Speech and Debate

"For French Club, it should be a scarf around the neck and a little hat."
Hannah Salamanca, 11
French Club

"A skirt for everyone in Ping Pong."
Danna Safi, 11
Ping Pong Club

Link Crew

Sponsor:
Mr. Morgan Nolan, Wilbur Wright Middle School principal

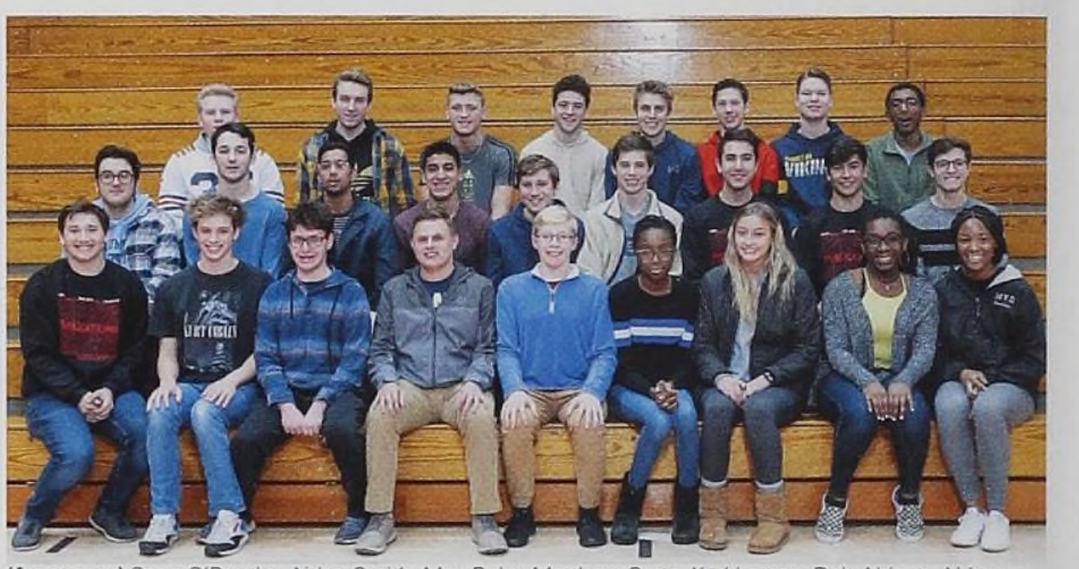
Jonathan Del Real's take on Link Crew:
"Link Crew gives me an opportunity to demonstrate my leadership skills."

(front row) Anya Fitzpatrick, Anne Foreit, Jonathan Del Real, Emma Herring, Kayla Ziel, Jordan Duff, Ashley Wills, Parkyr Guiton, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Sydney Skrobot, Safaa Tarakey, Amanda Beaudouin, Alyssa Meegan, Olivia Candelaria, Mia Tumacder, Alyssa Nahnsen, Cynthia Chockalingam, Jackie Bevil **(third row)** Hazel Wolf, Anna Speckhard, Carina Crisan, Mollie Clark, Mary Elizabeth Calgaro, Lindsey Katalinic, Jaelyn Williams, Zahrya Grimes, Taylor Olmstead **(back row)** Peyton Specht, Rebecca Jones, Holly Kaim, Sydney Foster, Hannah Foster, Sophia Farias, Kailyn Oganovich, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, Clara Terry

Link Crew

Event:
Freshman Orientation
Aug. 7
Fieldhouse and various rooms throughout the school
To help the incoming freshmen become accustomed to a high school setting

(front row) Cameron Adams, Tyler Devenny, Isabella Scalzo, Ana Gaither, April Roberts, Madelyn Sharp, Madeline Kozy, Lilly Lemke **(second row)** Eric Harvath, Alexander Ayersman, Joey Marcus, Ari Arzumanian, Bryce Schaum, Zachary Beerling, Serena Alvarez, Collin Garmon **(third row)** Samuel Latinovich, Ananya Sharma, Mia Adamus, Aubrey Rivera, Samantha Sellers, Emily Zabrecky, Noah Poole **(back row)** Shriya Iyer, Dori Clousing, Trinitee Hassan, Mirela Jeknic, Keith Martin, Sophie Hand, Chloe Lambert



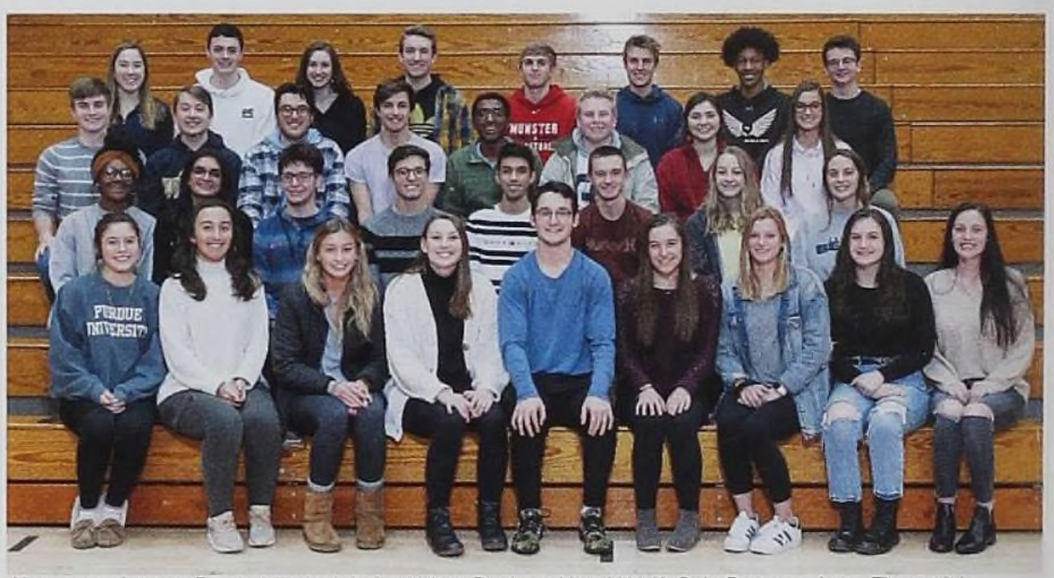
(front row) Sean O'Rourke, Aidan Smith, Max Buka, Matthew Certa, Karl Larson, Deb Abioye, Abbey Ruckert, Uyai Edet, Taylor Graham **(second row)** Henry Sklar, Cole Portone, Tarunveer Girn, Roman Garcia, Zachary Blair, Ethan Castillo, Demetrios Fotopoulos, Robert Young, George Dimopoulos **(back row)** Adam Daniels, Caleb McKeever, Evan Zukley, Noah Hensley, Cole Lesinski, Francis Hovland, Drew Westland, Kathir Venkat

NHS

Sponsor:
Mr. Mark Knight, Math teacher

Event:
Induction
April 13
Auditorium
To induct our new members into NHS

(first row) Lilia Brunetti, Ami Shah, Sophie Hand, Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, Madeline Kozy, Saranya Sanaka, Casey Wallace, Ariel Velasco, Jaelyn Guiton, **(second row)** Mia Tumacder, Shane Hoogewerf, Stephanie Niemiec, Caroline Chael, Amanda Beaudouin, Srija Thipirneni, Jude Ouyuon, Rimsha Siddiqui, **(third row)** Clara Terry, Mollie Clark, Alexis Lindenmayer, Alyssa Nahnsen, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Serena Alvarez, Lauren Morris, Melinda Michalski, **(back row)** Joe Webster, David Bastos, Ariana Casas, Chloe Lambert, Ana Gaither, Isabella Scalzo, Faith Blair, Grace Gozdecki



(front row) Anne Foreit, Mirela Jeknic, Abbey Ruckert, Hazel Wolf, Cole Portone, Anya Fitzpatrick, Lindsey Katalinic, Alayna Eismin, Sydney Foster **(second row)** Daija Williams, Mehak Sidhu, Max Buka, George Dimopoulos, Oliver Meraz, Donald Fesko, Lily Yalowitz, Hannah Foster **(third row)** Jack Sullivan, Noel Fary, Henry Sklar, Jacobus Barnard, Kathir Venkat, Adam Daniels, Delaney McGinty, Emily Dato **(back row)** Lilly Lemke, Jeff Hemmelgarn, April Roberts, Caleb McKeever, Tim Giannini, Cole Lesinski, Deven Hawkins, Ben Hand

Camera king
Looking around the gym during club photo day, Todd McKechnie, junior, holds a camera.
Photo by Zach Tucker

Photo Day 101

Breaking down Club Photo Day, Dec. 5, by job and job description

Photo facts

- Second year of being entirely run by students
- Staffed by both Paragon and Crier staffs
- All clubs roosters collected in advance for passes. Nearly 2,000 passes created for 45 clubs

Typist
Gets passes from the pass organizer, types the club member's names in the Google Doc, runs name check and starts the not-pictured list

Pass collector
Collects the club passes from the students in the correct order

Director
Tells people what row to go to once in line

(first row) Emily Sun, Mallika Keralavarma, Sana Khan, Anushka Majety, Srishti Sarkar, Brink Wolak, Cynthia Chockalingam **(second row)** Katherine Sheehan, Julianna Dodge, Trinity Malave, Jane Potter, Sydney Skrobot, Megan Flynn, Ananya Sharma, Shriya Iyer, Madeline Bell **(third row)** Maya Kenny, Michael Dempsey, Shreya Patel, Naomi Fefferman, Autumn Koszegi, Paige Sideris, Rita Zheng, Susan Rabie **(back row)** David Cohen, Vincent Qunell, Patrick Cullars, Holden Buchmeier, Victoria James, Ava Quasney, Dori Clousing, Aidan Chism

(first row) Carina Crisan, Sonny Hoekstra, Reena Alsakaji, Clare Regan, Aidan Boyle, Ayush Arora, Anagha Kodukula, Jorianna Hazel **(second row)** Uyai Edet, Christian Campos, Mikyla Farnell, Akansha Chauhan, Matt Certa, Bradley Bieniak, Charles Iverson, Jaida Beasley **(third row)** James Stewart, Charlie Morton, Jacob Katz, Ethan Park, George Dimopoulos, Arman Kumar, Keira Hawk, Emma Herring **(back row)** Isaiah Kim, Aaryh Gandhi, Gage Hoekstra, Costa Tsakopoulos, Hiba Fatima, Nikki Kondamuri, Ajitesh Lalam, Daniel Eriks

Speech & Debate

Coaches:
Mr. Jordan Mayer, English teacher
Mr. Michael Buck
Mr. Kenneth O'Drobinak
Mr. Steven Stepnoski, English teacher
Mr. Ben Boruff, English teacher
Mr. Steve Kennedy

Officers:
President:
Noel Fary, 12
Vice President:
Alyssa Nahnsen, 12
Secretary:
Francis Hovland, 11

(first row) Sami Muhrez, Noel Fary, Christopher Canul, Michael Casner, Ethan Korwek, Emma Higgason, Jamie DeJoan, Kate Krawczyk **(second row)** Mateo Bedolla, Ameer Igue, Roman Garcia, Afamefuna Oniah, Nick Eng, Blake Marcotte, Nana Nnuro-Frimpong, Charlie Mason **(back row)** Muhammad Uzair Aziz, Andrew Klaich, Tyler Devenny, Donald Fesko, Michael McDunn, John Sullivan, Ben Dodge

(first row) Aishik Dhori, Antonio Campos, Drew Westland, Deven Hawkins, Robert Tengdin **(second row)** Michael Svolos, Ethan Lieser, Evan Lieser, Dawson Ginaven, Francis Hovland **(back row)** Lilia Brunetti, Costa Sirounis, Sammy Fuller, Rajiv Kalluri

Speech & Debate

Events:
Glenbrooks Meet
Nov 23-25
Glenbrook, Illinois
Finalists: Sami Muhrez and Alyssa Nahnsen and Mikey McDunn and Jack Sullivan

George Armstrong Bradley Invitational
Nov 2-3
Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois
1st place overall

(first row) Saranya Sanaka, Cole Portone, Mina Schuler, Christian Portone, Gina Vellutini, Madelyn Sharp, April Roberts, Abhiram Kandregula **(second row)** Jonathan Gallegos, Surajpal Singh, Gavin Kenning, Vanya Christopher, Trinitee Hassan, Aleena Mongerie, India Vance, Mahsa Farahani **(third row)** Minahil Rao, Alison Lee, Sihyun Yeo, Rahi Patel, Gabbie Brennan, Evneki Crenshaw, Marissa Slivka, Maha Alshamaileh, **(back row)** Robyn DeJoan, Mackenzie Stricklin, Anna Raycroft, Patricia Castro, Aubrey Rivera, Emma Powell, Alyssa Nahnsen, Myanne Zachary **(not pictured)** Ari Arzumanian, Olivia Balbo, Preston Beetson, Josh Clark, Linden Dannis, Jaelyn Guiton, William Hoop, Ameer Igue, Myles Lockett-Peterson, Richard Ma, Andrew Manous, Charlie Mason, Julianna Nelson, Alicia Powell, Danna Safi, Erianna Sims, Hailey Sullivan, Aidan Torabi, Irene Tsakopoulos, Ana Vujadinovic, Thomas Weakland, Jake Whitaker

Speech & Debate

Robyn DeJoan's take on Speech & Debate:

"I really love to act and advocate for issues that I think are important, and it was a perfect opportunity to do both of those things."

What is a good anthem for a club?

"'Demons' by Hayley Kiyoko."
Clare Regan, 9

"'Vienna' by Billy Joel."
Julianna Dodge, 9

"'Pompeii' by Bastille for Speech & Debate."
Sami Muhrez, 12

"'Faneto' by Chief Keef."
Eddie Minniefield, 10

"'Suge' by DaBaby."
Ja'Mya Barnes, 10

Pass organizer
Collects complete pass stack from pass collectors, staples pile, labels by photo number and hands to the typists

Board person
Writes club name on white board. This is done to differentiate between clubs and to identify which photo is being taken

Organizer
Organizes students into rows and moves them accordingly

Line wrangler
Makes sure club members get into and stay in line and keeps the line moving

Head counter
Counts students off into rows and tells them when to stop

Reporters
Gather club information and interview club members

Recruiters
Attend Photography and Journalism classes in order to recruit new Publications members

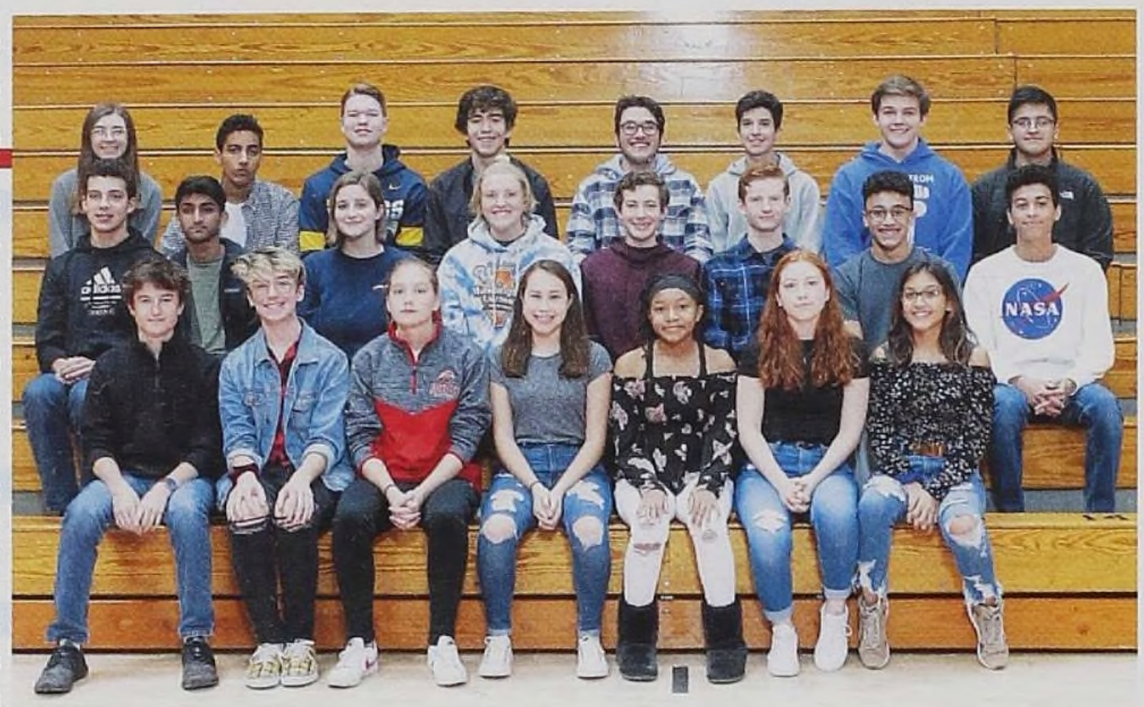
Club Reference

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Sponsor:
Ms. Charity Schmidt, PE teacher
Mr. Steve Stepnoski, English teacher

Officers:
President: Henry Sklar, 12

Events:
Frisbee Games
Wednesdays
3-4:30 p.m.



(front row) Aleksandar Ilijevski, Nova Dillon, Mara Trivunovic, Jada Smith, Isis Franklin, Melinda Eickleberry, Isabelle Perez **(second row)** Mihail Babus, Chris Mathew, Maria Barron, Brook Maul, Andrew Witten, Parker Olsen, Corey Dennis, Curtis Dennis **(back row)** Hope Meierkort, Daniel Nozick, Drew Westland, David Cordova, Henry Sklar, John Linnane, John Banaszak, Hector Gomez **(not pictured)** Henry Hofferth, Linden Dannis, Mateo Porras, Miguel Gambetta, Presley Simpson, Priscilla Gallardo, Prisilla Ortiz, Alexis Perez

Math Olympiad

Sponsor:
Mrs. Lyndee Govert, math teacher

Board:
Aishik Dhori, 10
Todd McKechnie, 11
Thomas Ashcraft, 10
Caeden Taylor, 11

Events:
Harvard-MIT Math Tournament
Nov. 9
Boston

(front row) Rebecca Jones, Thomas Ashcraft, Jacob Mazumdar **(back row)** Caeden Taylor, Todd McKechnie, Aishik Dhori

What is your favorite club memory?

"My favorite memory is from theater, during the Addams family."
Camryn Hayes, 12
Munster Theater Company

"Making close friends, meeting nice people in publications, and making a K-Pop page."
Mercedez Williams, 12
Crier

"It was the first day everyone showed up, and seeing everyone at the field to play frisbee"
Henry Sklar, 12
Ultimate Frisbee Club

Crier

Sponsor:
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director

Officers:
Editor-in-Chief: Alexis Lindenmayer, 12
Managing Editor: Alyssa Bass, 12

Events:
JEA/NSPA National Convention
Nov. 20-24
Washington D.C

Published 13 issues
Distribution at lunch on Fridays

(front row) Lilia Brunetti, Alexis Lindenmayer, Lana Salahieh, Lauren Morris, Erianna Sims, Alyssa Bass, Cali Petersen **(back row)** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Adam Klaich, Charlie Hofferth, Robert Young, Max Lindenmayer, Mercedez Williams, Atarah Israel **(not pictured)** Madison Green, Henry Hofferth, Gage Hoekstra, Alison Lee, Madison Leimbach, Alexis Perez, Anthony Young

Paragon

Sponsor:
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Publications Director

Officers:
Editor-in-Chief: Demetrios Fotopoulos, 11
Managing Editor: Mia Terek, 11
Head Photographer: Chloe Lambert, 12

Events:
JEA/NSPA National Convention
Nov. 20-24
Washington D.C

Club Photo Day
Dec. 5
Fieldhouse

Book Distribution
May 14
Commons

(front row) Riley Ramirez, Marley Anderson, Sean O'Rourke, Mia Terek, Zahrya Grimes, Vanessa Situ, Olivia Balbo, Lucy Torres, Angela Ortega **(back row)** Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, Charles Hofferth, Todd McKechnie, Demetrios Fotopoulos, Zachary Tucker, Summer Gill, Jack Stork, Chloe Lambert, Genevieve Mrvan **(not pictured)** Leila Damianos, Priscilla Gallardo, Alyssa Lebron, Harrison North

(front row) Rahi Patel, Olivia Crescent, Marley Anderson, Mia Terek, Mia Tumacder, Kaylie Eriks, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Anthony Bellahcen, Teresa Burzynski **(second row)** Madeline McFeely, Anna Szafasz, Kayley Moore, Kamila Navarro, Brooke Vivian, Gabriela Ruiz, Alison Lee, Mikyla Farnell **(third row)** Christopher Perez, Shayna Tepper, Emmaline Miller, Meg Westland, Mia Buono, Kira Moreno, Marissa Slivka, Evneki Crenshaw, Violet Luna **(back row)** Sana Khan, Khusi Jhaveri, Ellie Brennan, Anushka Majety, Madeline Bell, Akansha Chauhan, Vanessa Vasquez, Preciosa Rivera, Amelia Konstantinopoulos

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Project X

Sponsor:
Ms. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher

Officers:
President:
Emma Higgason, 12
Vice President:
Ashley Nita, 11
Board Members:
Ben Dodge, 12
April Roberts, 12
Haley Tate, 12
Aleena Mongerie, 12

(front row) Peyton Collier, Isidora Pavlic, Maha Alshamaileh, Susan Rabie, Kerra Sepanski, Arianna Bender, Jenna Kosco, Maja Kaurin, Alayna Blasko **(second row)** Lorena Campos, Stephany Camacho, Ava Lukacsek, Emily Guerrero, Claudia Hernandez, Hannah Bard, Olivia Candelaria, Uyai Edet, Kenna Teske **(third row)** Allison Burris, Mikey Dempsey, Connor Mitchell, Karl Larson, Matthew Certa, Sophie Hand, Madelyn Burns, Isabella Boleski, Ashley Wills **(back row)** Ava Whitney, Aleena Mongerie, Emily Zabrecky, Jaelyn Williams, Kenneth Reed, Paige Vukadinovich, Hannah Robbins, Daniella Nahnsen, Maria Ramos

(front row) Omar Jackson, Bryce Williams, Mateo Bedolla, Isabella Scalzo, Brooke Gardiner, Skylar Van Ermen, Faith Blair, Lucas Alvarez-Carey, Sirius Ortiz **(second row)** Michael Collins, Will Feeney, Joey Cipowski, Andrew Cipowski, Nicholas Hanas, Kylie Slough, Evi Allerding, Alicia Watson, Patrick Cullars **(third row)** Hope Meierkort, Robert Maldonado, Emily Eisha, Autumn Zager, Maddie Kozy, Jacobus Barnard, Alexis Lindenmayer, Max Buka, Lauren Morris **(back row)** Kathryn Hemingway, Grace Roberts, Jacqueline Rowady, Deborah Abioye, Anastasia Kapustina, Hannah Foster, Sydney Foster, Julia Hoop, Amelia Chism

Project X

Events:
Recycling
Every week
North and South

Helping at
Dance Competition
Jan. 18

Pennies for Cancer
February

Helping at ISSMA
March

(front row) Grace Clark, Keira Hawk, Arman Kumar, Shouri Bitla, Max Lindenmayer, Charlie Mason, Allan Dedelow, Jacob Thometz, Andrew Keilman **(second row)** Andrew Witten, Parker Olsen, Ethan Park, John Linnane, Jack Meyer, Ben Mellon, Daniel Eriks, Sarah Resch, Haley Tate **(back row)** Holden Raffin, Joseph Webster, Benjamin Goldman, Emily Shu, Ashley Nita, April Roberts, Emily Banaszek, Niko Zaromitidis, Kortlynd Lukowski

(front row) Matt Keilman, Jay Harris, Robert Hawk, Taylor Duff, Madison Henman, Lilia Brunetti **(second row)** Michael Chamberlain, Eddie Ortiz, Christian Arellano, Nathan Knutson, Ari Arzumanian, Eric Harvath, Sammy Fuller **(third row)** Joseph Kicho, Charlie Morton, Aishik Dhori, Adam Klaich, Abdulaziz Kehail, Surajpal Singh, Joshua Zatorski, Ben Dodge **(back row)** Summer Gill, Krishna Lakshmanamurthy, Richard Kicho, Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, Cole Lesinski, Lucy Torres, Cali Petersen

Project X

Emma Higgason's take on Project X:

"Project X has allowed me to give back to the comunity that has given up so much for me. It has given me opportunities to help the less fo-runate in our area, which heightens the gratitude I feel for my life and opportunities."

Recycle

Project X's work

Saving the trees

After school on Wednesday Project X members recycle papers that have been placed outside teachers classrooms. Project X members and sophomores Grace Clark and Caitlyn Klos recycle papers in their assigned section of the school.
Photos by Zachary Tucker

Step One - Grab red trash bin

Step Two - Empty recycling bins

Step Three - Empty bin

Club Reference

Science Olympiad

Sponsor:
Mr. Keith Koszut, Science teacher

Captains:
Cameron Adams, 12
Sophie Hand, 12
Stephen Heritage, 11
Anya Fitzpatrick, 12

Events:
Raymond Park Invitational
Dec. 14
Indianapolis
2nd place overall

(front row) Akansha Chauhan, Joanne Hwang, Anya Fitzpatrick, Ayush Arora, Olivia Crescent **(second row)** Mikyla Farnell, Khusi Jhaveri, Maureen Van Matre, Shriya Iyer, Robert Zhou **(third row)** Ben Mellon, Ava Quasney, Regan Newby, Marisa Crescent, Saranya Sanaka **(back row)** Caroline Chael, Emily Shu, Trina Tagamolila, Iris Gong, Margaret Heritage, Gernie Galvan, Srija Thipirneni

(front row) Peter Hwang, Jacob Katz, Cameron Adams, Aaron Perez, Sophie Hand **(second row)** Ajitesh Lalam, Uyai-Abasi Edet, Rebecca Jones, Arman Kumar, Stephen Heritage, David Bastos **(third row)** Ben Hand, Brett Soeka, Kevin Kvasnica, Todd McKechnie, James Krieg, Jacob Mazumdar **(back row)** Sihyun Yeo, Fenry Zhou, Joseph Kicho, Richard Kicho, Aishik Dhori, Isaiah Rosinski, Caeden Taylor
(not pictured) Martin Caravateanu, Simon Nirenberg, Trina Tagamolila

Orchestra

Sponsor:
Mrs. Bridget Speranza, Orchestra director

Events:
ISSMA music ensemble
April 25
Penn High School
To qualify for state

Orchestra Concert
Dec. 11
Auditorium
To perform music

(front row) Prisilla Ortiz, Brianna Pazdur, Vanessa Vasquez, Sarah Halun, Julia Gajewski, Juliette Miranda, Taylor Perez, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Jenna Strbiak, Carli Strbiak, Casey Wallace, Aaryh Gandhi, Robert Zhou, Shayna Helen Chaoyang Tepper, Gabriela Ruiz, Julianna Dodge **(third row)** Melinda Michalski, Sophie Hand, Shane Hoogewerf, Lana Salahieh, Lola Fay Papanikolaou, Lilia Dahn, Brandon Burgess, Naomi Fefferman **(back row)** Mollie Clark, Shriya Iyer, Grace Gozdecki, Cynthia Chockalingam, Mikyla Farnell, Akansha Chauhan, Michelle Blanford, Mia Tumacder

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If you could create any club, what would it be?

"Beyoncé Club"
Edgar Mariscal, 10

"Girls' Empowerment Club."
Patience Thorbs, 9

"Water Polo Club."
Linden Dannis, 9

"Construction Club."
Sam Rodriguez, 11

"Clothes Club."
Kevin Hall, 9

"Sleeping Club."
Lola Fay Papanikolaou, 12

"Candy Club."
Andrew Tabaczynski, 11

"Black Student Union."
Jaelyn Guiton, 12

Orchestra

Priscilla Ortiz's take on Orchestra:

"After Mrs. Speranza returned, I feel like we all had a lot more energy when we play and will to learn new things. We have been practicing scales every day, which is something we didn't do as much last year."

(front row) Peter Hwang, Ana Vujadinovic, Nova Dillon, Antonio Cantu, Jacob Katz, Emilio Cantu **(second row)** Andrew Burzynski, Rebecca Jones, Charles Vicari, Vanya Christopher, Obiamara Adindu, Maya Prince **(third row)** Kathir Venkat, Zach Collaros, Benjamin Blaesing, Ben Dodge, Griffin Poulsen, Victor Vatchev **(back row)** Lucas Dalla Costa, Richard Kicho, Joseph Kicho, Chris Mathew, Henry Sklar, Mihail Babus, Aaron Perez
(not pictured) Tatum Hernandez, Keegan Poulsen, Zoe O'Shaughnessy, Emma Higgason

Ping Pong Club

Sponsor:
Mrs. Audrey Fuhs, Spanish teacher

Officers:
President: George Dimopoulos, 12

Events:
Weekly meetings
Every Friday
Commons

(front row) Miguel Gambetta, Emily Guerrero, Stephany Camacho, Lorena Campos, Anthony Bellahcen **(second row)** Anna Babus, Will Feeney, Madison Murchek, Patrick Cullars, Aaron Gorny **(third row)** Ethan Park, Aaron Perez, Niko Zaromitidis, George Dimopoulos, Kate Krawczyk **(back row)** Daniel Cornejo, Parker Olsen, Paul Maldonado, Arman Kumar, Emilio Cantu

(front row) Thomas Ashcraft, Andrew Burzynski, John Linnane, Graham Mikrut, Zachary Best **(second row)** Blake Marcotte, Alexis Berumen, Catherine Ornelas, Rayhan Zaman, James Stewart **(third row)** Brett Soeka, Michael Peters, Eric Vasser, Evan Vasser, Jeremiah Lovett **(back row)** Sammy Fuller, Richard Kicho, Joseph Kicho, Otto Hoehl, Aishik Dhori **(not pictured)** Josef Adams, Mark Caraher, Marisa Crescent, Sarah Fugger, Anay Gandhi, Arman Kumar, Madeline Sajn, Robert Chambers, Will Moell, Ethan Park, Jake Uylaki, Peter Hwang, Danna Safi, Rachel Vanek, Ricky Ballentine, Nicholas Hanas, Andrew Cipowski, Nicholas Badali, Kylie Slough, Jacob Katz, Michael Fugger

Philosophy Club

Sponsor:
Mr. Thomas Barnes, English teacher

Officers:
President: George Dimopoulos, 12
Vice President: Robert Young, 12

Events:
Monthly meetings
N129

(front row) Zahrya Grimes, Grace Gozdecki, Kristina Sosic, Emily Guerrero, Regan Qunell, Kristen Baurain, Ana Dimopoulos, Shivani Collur,, Angela Ortega **(second row)** Sofia Pavlic, Rachel Dawson, Lucas Alvarez, Emma Herring, Kiari Nero, Ricky Ballintine, Nadia Perdue, Anna Babus, Srishti Sarkar **(third row)** Sophia Farias, Kailyn Oganovich, Taylor Olmstead, Kylie Reed, Shriya Iyer, Megan Flynn, Carina Crisan, Lana Salahieh, Jeneen Ishtawi **(back row)** Peter Hwang, Daniel Nozick, Regan Newby, Maddi Bell, Anushka Majety, Emily Sun, Jaelyn Williams, Taylor Graham

Do you regret not joing any clubs?

If so, why?

"I regret not joining Debate a little because it seemed interesting."
Janai Munoz, 9

"I regret not doing Spanish Club because my friends have gone on these fun field trip and it would have given me a little more insight to the hispanic culture."
Marissa Slivka, 10

"I regret not joining a lot of clubs because I missed out on opportunities and more knowledge."
Nyla Green, 9

"I regret not joining Spanish Club this year because I did it the past two years and it was fun."
Jordan Duff, 11

Philosophy Club

George Dimopoulos' take on Philosophy Club:

"We don't have any clubs like it in our school. It's a club to foster the interest of philosophy or for people to experience philosophy if they haven't before."

(front row) Hannah Zukley, Trina Tagamolila, Ryan Hughes, Robert Young, George Dimopoulos, Alexis Lindenmayer, Uyai Edet, Gage Hoekstra **(second row)** Ben Mellon, Ubin Kim, Kathir Venkat, Joe Webster, Amanda Beaudouin, Aubrey Rivera, Niko Zaromitidis, Jacobus Barnard, David Cordova **(third row)** Richard Kicho, Arshik Dhori, Donovan Lambert, Drew Westland, Benjamin Goldman, Evan Vasser, Arman Kumar, Hayden Stanley, Rayhan Zaman **(back row)** Lilia Brunetti, Rajiv Kalluri, Victoria James, Sana Khan, Ameer Igue, Clara Zuniga, Jordan Duff, Jeffrey Hemmelgarn **(not pictured)** Ellie Brennan, Max Buka, Ethan Castillo, Caroline Chael, Eddie DeMars, DJ Fesko, Tarun Gim, Trinitee Hassan, Will Hoop, Khusi Jhaveri, Cole Lesinski, Robert Maldonado, Chris Mathew, Madeline McFeely, Delaney McGinty, Hope Meierkort, Belinda Mendoza, Melinda Michalski, Leah Nozick, April Roberts, Mackenzie Stricklin, Lindsey Surd, Clara Terry, Ava Whitney, Hazel Wolf, Louis Wolf, Lea Yeo

Time warp
During Philosophy Club, Robert Young, senior, draws a diagram explaining the philosophy of time travel. As the cofounder of the club, Robert was in charge of directing the discussion and coming up with lesson plans. "I think that philosophy and questioning the world around you are essential to figuring out yourself and the world you inhabit," Robert said. **Photo by Lucy Torres**

Club Reference

What club means the most to you?

"GSA means the world to me because it's where I can come hangout with other people and be myself and meet other people like me. It's kind of like a little community."
Erica Garcia, 10

"Science Olympiad means the most to me because it's something I have been doing since middle school and I feel like it helps me learn new things about the world."
Anagha Kodukula, 9

"Marching Band means the most to me because I get meet new people, practice my instrument and go to competitions."
Christine Kim, 9

"Speech and Debate means the most to me because my mom coaches and I've been going for a long time and just finally being part of a group of people just like me is cool."
Aidan Boyle, 9

"Art Club because all the people in the club are really good people and it let's kids not only express themselves but do good deeds around the school."
John Cronin, 12

"Speech and Debate means the most to me because I find it interesting to be able to study both sides of an issue I might otherwise not learn about."
Gage Hoekstra, 10

"The club that means the most would have to be Marching Band. It means a lot to me because of the emotions. We spend so much time together it allows us to become closer through the many hours we work. As the time goes by, the competitions become more intense and they mean more to us which allows us to put more emotion into it bringing us even closer than before. State finals just finishes it off wrapping it up with all emotions before, during and even after we perform."
Natalia Coronel, 12

(front row) Tatiana Clark, Ava Lukacsek, Emily Guerrero, Ana Dimopoulos, Taylor Perez **(second row)** Atarah Israel, Kate Krawczyk, Nadia Perdue, Genavive Bacino, Richard Ballentine **(third row)** Mary Anne O'Brien, Ethan Castillo, Jacob Corner,Roman Thompson, Summer Gill **(back row)** Lana Salahieh, Luka Balac, Jeremiah Lovett, Afam Oniah **(not pictured)** Diana Ayala, Mateo Bedolla, Colman Berg, Alayna Blasko, Ameer Igue, Blake Marcotte, Emmaline Miller, Nana Nnuro-Frimpong, Rachel Schlossberger

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Events:
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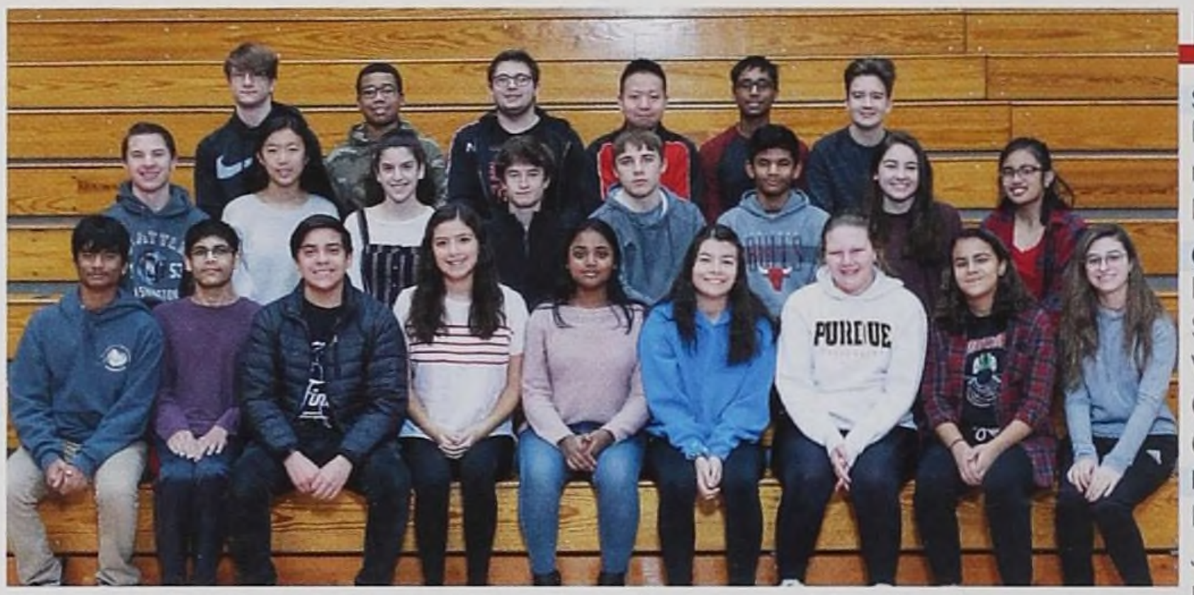
The Sip in Highland
Feb. 16



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Officers:
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Serena Alvarez, 12
Vice President:
Cynthia Chockalingam, 11

Events:
Kickoff
Jan. 4
First Competition
March 6-8

(front row) Isidora Pavlic, Sofia Pavlic, Simona Terek, Lauren Phelps, Marley Anderson, Mia Terek, Katherine Sheehan **(back row)** Olivia Paprstein, Benjamin Goldman, Omar Jackson, Jaelyn Williams, Gina Vellutini, Patrick Cullars **(not pictured)** Jenna Kosco

SADD

Sponsor:
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Events:
Traffic Safety Posters
Dec. 3

(front row) Ms.Kelly Hladek, Tiara Sparks, Simona Terek, Mia Terek, Parkyr Guiton, Jenna Rock, Jaelyn Guiton **(second row)** Lana Salahieh, Lauren Phelps, Ryan Hughes, Natasha Truett, Michelle Blanford, Saranya Sanaka **(back row)** Demetrios Fotopoulos, Robert Young, Kira Moreno, Marissa Slivka

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Vice-President:
Kira Moreno, 10
Secretary:
Saranya Sanaka, 12

Events:
Miss Peregine's Home for Peculiar Children Reading
Oct. 1 - Nov. 14

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Events:
Suicide Prevention Workshop February

(front row) Tyler Devenny, Reese Wojkovich, Antonio Campos, Julianna Dodge **(second row)** Mathew Larrison, Peyton Specht, Kailyn Oganovich, Amelia Konstantinopoulos **(not pictured)** Olivia Evilsizor, Esmeralda Martinez, Jaelyn Williams, Henry Sklar

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Ms. Kyleen Nolan, science teacher

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Alyssa Nahnsen, 12
Vice President:
Sami Muhrez, 12

Events:
Winter Pep Session Fieldhouse Feb. 21

(front row) Lilia Brunetti, Maarthvick Veligandla, Christian Campos, Mia Terek, Sami Muhrez, Alyssa Nahnsen,Maha Alshamaileh, Reena Alsakaji, Ayush Aurora **(second row)** Zach Lenaburg, April Roberts, Clara Terry, Jamie DeJoan, Kiari Nero, Khusi Jhaveri, Megan Flynn, Uyai Edet **(third row)** George Dimopoulos, Demetrios Fotopoulos, Anushka Majety, Maddi Bell, Maureen Van Matre, Shriya Iyer, Taylor Graham, Marina Gronkiewicz **(back row)** Nikki Kondamuri, Amina Mahmood, Andrew Wittkamp, Tarun Girn, Sierra Sweeney, Daniella Nahnsen, Arman Kumar, Robert Young **(not pictured)** Gia Cvitkovich

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Sponsor:
Mr. Keith Koszut science teacher

Events:
TEAMS Test Early March

(front row) Lilia Brunetti, Jacob Mazumdar, Cynthia Chockalingam, Mikyla Farnell, Anya Fitzpatrick, Srishti Sarkar, Joanne Hwang, Ayush Arora, Shivani Collur **(second row)** Belle Mora, Khusi Jhaveri, Alison Lee, Ava Quasney, Stephanie Niemiec, Caroline Chael, Shriya Iyer, Saranya Sanaka, Srija Thipirneni **(third row)** Arman Kumar, Peter Hwang, Uyai Edet, David Bastos, George Dimopoulos, Aaron Perez, Iris Gong, Margaret Heritage **(back row)** Robert Zhou, James Krieg, Kevin Kvasnica, Joey Kicho, Richard Kicho, Brett Soeka, Aishik Dhori, Stephen Heritage **(not pictured)** Austin Beetson, Martin Caravateanu, Patrick Cullars, Gernie Galvan, Zarah Mora

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Events:
Regionals Dec. 14

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Andrew Wittkamp

(front row) Madison Bevil, Ava Quasney, Amanda Jonquet, Madison Jonquet,**(back row)** Nikolai Hoogewerf, Andrew Wittkamp, Zachary Tucker, Sam Migliore, Sarah Resch

Play by play

The Munster Theater Company's shows

Lights, Camera, Action
During a scene in "The Addams Family", Hunter Hamer, junior, kisses the hand of Stephanie Niemiec, senior. Hunter was playing Gomez Addams and Stephanie was playing Alice Beineke.
Photo by Genevieve Mrvan

'The Addams Family'
Oct. 3-6

'Discovering Rogue'
Nov. 7-9

Improv Nights
Feb. 6-7

'Much Ado About Nothing'
April 30, May 1-3

Lucy Lou Torres

Lucy Lou,
As the door of high school closes, just remember another one opens. "I hope you dance" into your future. We love you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Benny, and Rain

Alexis Lindenmayer

Lexi,

We love you so much! We are so proud of the talented, smart, and beautiful person you are.

xoxo,
Mom, Dad, Max, and Cam

Charles Martin Hofferth

Charlie, you are a kind and thoughtful young man. Your gentle character will carry you gracefully through all of the amazing journeys yet to come. Keep your heart and mind open and embrace all of the moments that make up your story.

Love you,
Love, Mom

Congratulations Charlie! I am proud of the man you have become. You live your life with integrity and honesty! I am excited for what is in store for you. I will always be here for you!

Love, Pop

Angela Marie Ortega

You sure have grown into a beautiful young lady, Mija!!!

Congratulations!
The world is waiting for you!

May all your dreams come true!
Love, Mom and Dad

From my little boy to my young man, I'll always be proud of you.

Jack Radford Stork

To our sweet, kind, loving son:

Congratulations! We are so proud of all that you have done, and we can't wait to see what you will become.

Wherever you are, wherever you go, we'll always be best friends.

Love, Mom

Love, Dad

Ronnie Nowak

"Remember kid, there's heroes and there's legends. Heroes get remembered but legends never die, follow your heart kid, and you'll never go wrong."
-The Sandlot

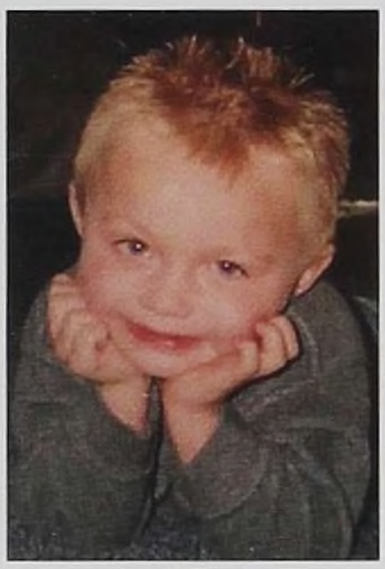
We are so proud of you.

We love you!!
XOXOXO

Dawson Thomas Ginaven

Congratulations Daws!

You have filled our hearts with so much joy and laughter. Wishing you nothing but the best in whatever your heart desires!
Love you to the moon and back!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chase and Brady



Serena Alvarez

Music is the voice of your soul.
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! Let the journey begin.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jonathan and Andrew

Diana Ayala

We've seen you change from a little girl with big dreams to this beautiful, strong young lady who is living those dreams. We are all so proud of everything you have done, and can't wait to see the amazing things you will do in life! ¡Te queremos mucho!
Your family♌

Grace Gozdecki

Congratulations Grace!!!
We could not be more proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We admire your determination, strong work ethic, and kind heart. All the best as you begin the next chapter in your life!!!

Love, Mom and Dad

what feels like the End is often the Beginning

Brooke Gardiner

Congratulations!!! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future has for you as you follow your journey.

Congratulations, T!

We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in the future!

Love,
Mom, Dad, JJ, Lukas and Cinnamon

Tyler Krucina

Arianna G. Piña

Congratulations to our beautiful, smart, caring, talented and strong minded daughter. We are so proud of the young woman you have become and of all your accomplishments. We are so excited for the next chapter of your life and where your path will lead you. Reach for the stars. The sky's the limit!
With Love,
Mom, Dad and Lorenzo

Kathir Venkat

Kathir, always joyful-the possibilities are endless for you. We are so proud of all you have accomplished! Love Atha, Appa, Rathnam, and Easan

Zachary Grabelle

Zach,

I will always be proud of you.

I cannot wait to see what you grow into.

I wish you all the best, buddy.

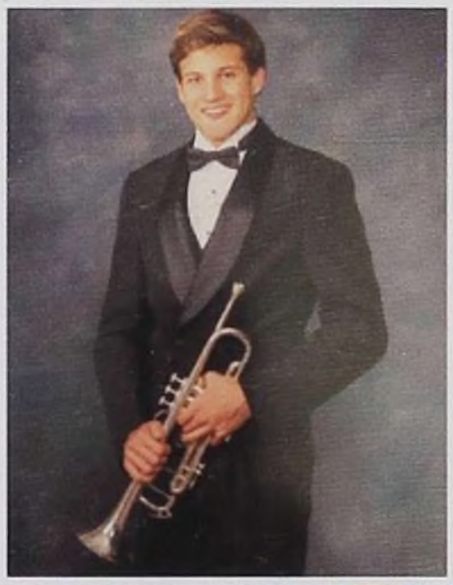
Love,

Dad.

Grant Afman

Congratulations! We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. Soar like an Eagle...

Love,
Mom, Dylan, Nonna, Papa, Aunt Tiffany and Uncle Mike



Chloe Lambert

Reach for the stars and leave a little sparkle wherever you go!
We are so proud of you & all your accomplishments!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Van

Casey Wallace

It seems like only yesterday
you were starting preschool
and learning to ride a bike.
And now you are all grown up
and ready to take on the
world. We are so proud of
your many achievements –
from writing your first novel to
performing on the stage at
Carnegie Hall – and we know
this is only the beginning.
Good Luck at IU,
have fun, study hard, and
always follow your heart!
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Dad, Mom and Chelsey

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Congratulations to Seniors: Donovan Foote, Jadyn Evans, Luke Eenigenburg

Lilia Brunetti

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Lilia,
Cambiare il mondo!

We are so very proud of all that you've accomplished, and so very excited for what's next!

We love you tons,
Mama, Dad, Ari...
and Oliver, Helios, Remi too.

Michael Svolos

Congratulations on your accomplishments at MHS. We are very proud of you. Wishing you continued success at IU and in your future.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Dean and Jimmy

Isabella Scalzo

We are so proud of all you have accomplished and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you. We wish you the best of luck and success in all you do. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars! We love you!

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Thank you for being our joy

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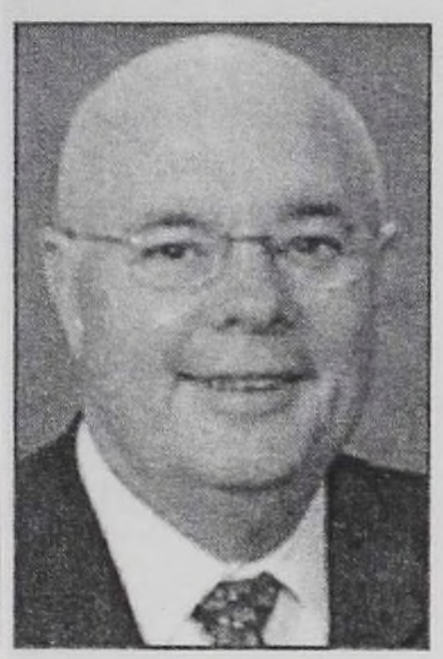

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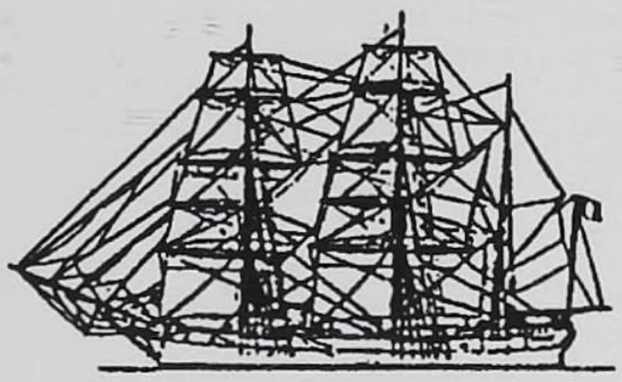

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Behind the scenes of Paragon 2020

Redefinition is the process of defining something differently, and the Paragon 2020 staff did just that through a process of late nights, fun games, and memories made. By doing this, they managed to grow closer as friends and as a family.

Somehow, Demetrios always used the name "Jimmy Choo" in his examples. Zahrya and Sean always fit in a quick dance off. Summer was always the sweetest one on staff. Everyone loved saying "Charlie Marley" and "Marley Charlie." Angela created handmade Christmas cards for every staffer, all personalized with an unique quote. Harrison went and took piano photos on his first day as a staffer.

Chloe found new ways to do photo assignments with things like her bulletin board calendar. Mia squealed when she got a "Scooby Doo" DS video game for Secret Santa. Todd got to use the new strobe light in the studio. Lanman got to open her 2020 Lil Bub calendar. Vanessa got in touch with her inner Michael Scott as she read roasts from "The Office" to the staff.

Each person had a unique aesthetic. Genevieve always rocked jean jackets and leather boots. Zach wore his signature shorts, even in the snow. Jack kept up his routine of wearing pajamas on Fridays and cowboy boots every other day. Riley loved using the blankets from the blanket collection.

The year was surprising. One day, Olivia gasped as she was put in charge of the room. Lucy was intrigued to see Leila's big truck when she was offered a ride to a Chorale concert. Early on, Priscilla and Alyssa were tasked with the dreaded duty of name-check. Everyone was surprised to find out that the losers of the Pub Kickball game, the Paragon staff, were actually the match's winners.

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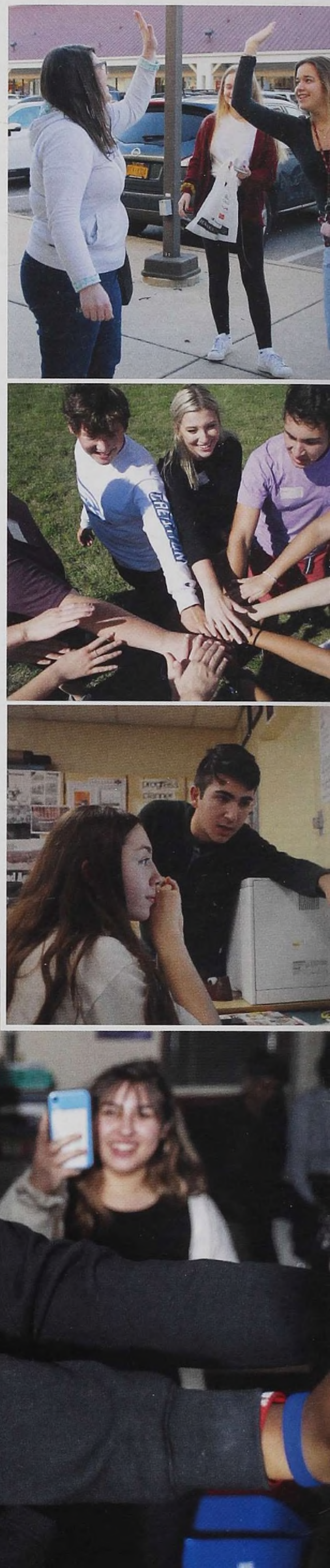

Strobe soirée

During a deadline week, Zahrya Grimes, junior, dances the stress away. The staff decided to conclude its first Publympics with a strobe light dance party where everyone took pictures and had fun. "I like the feeling when we are done with deadline because it relieves stress off of me," Zahrya Grimes said.

Photo by Todd McKechnie

Design time Starting the year off strong, Demetrios Fotopoulos and Mia Terek, juniors, begin designing spreads. Spreads were regularly created on the Mac computers in the computer lab in N155. "Yearbook always had its unique challenges, but it was a fun experience," Demetrios said. Photo by Vanessa Situ **On three** During the Pub Kickball Game, team Paragon huddles up. The game was played to help the staff bond. "I was really excited about the Pub Kickball Game and loved dancing and twerking in the field," Sean O'Rourke said. Photo by Todd McKechnie **Crocs rock** During the IHSPA Fall Convention at Franklin College, sophomores Riley Ramirez and Marley Anderson and junior Zahrya Grimes give Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, adviser, a pair of Crocs at a nearby outlet mall. "We always joked about getting her Crocs, and when we went into the Crocs Store, we saw a pink sparkly pair," Riley said. "We then all knew these would be perfect for her and had to buy them." Photo by Lana Salahieh **Pub pose** During Club Photo Day, the Paragon staff takes a fun photo. "Club Photo Day was very hectic, but it was nice to take a break and do a funny photo," Mia Terek said. Photo by Lana Salahieh

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With all of their personality and flair, the staff met every day in fifth hour and after school to build the spreads in the book

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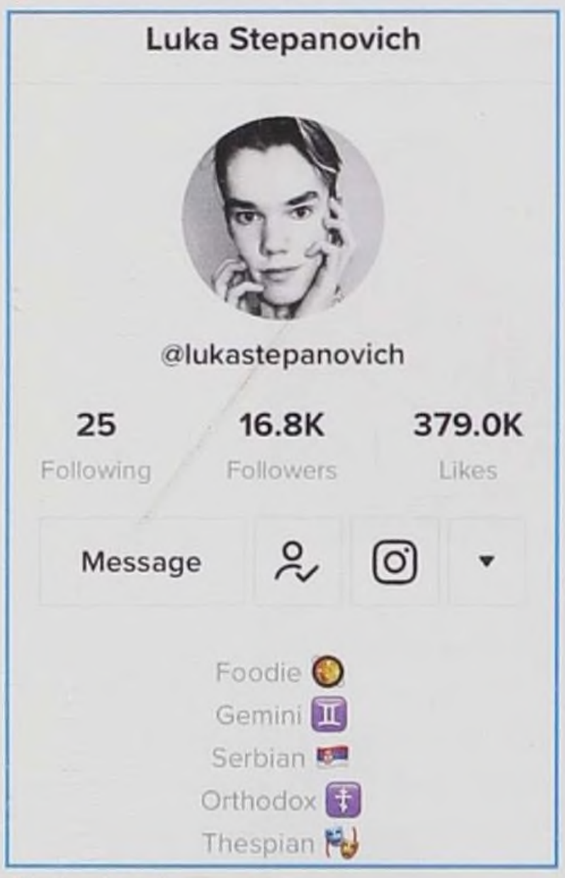
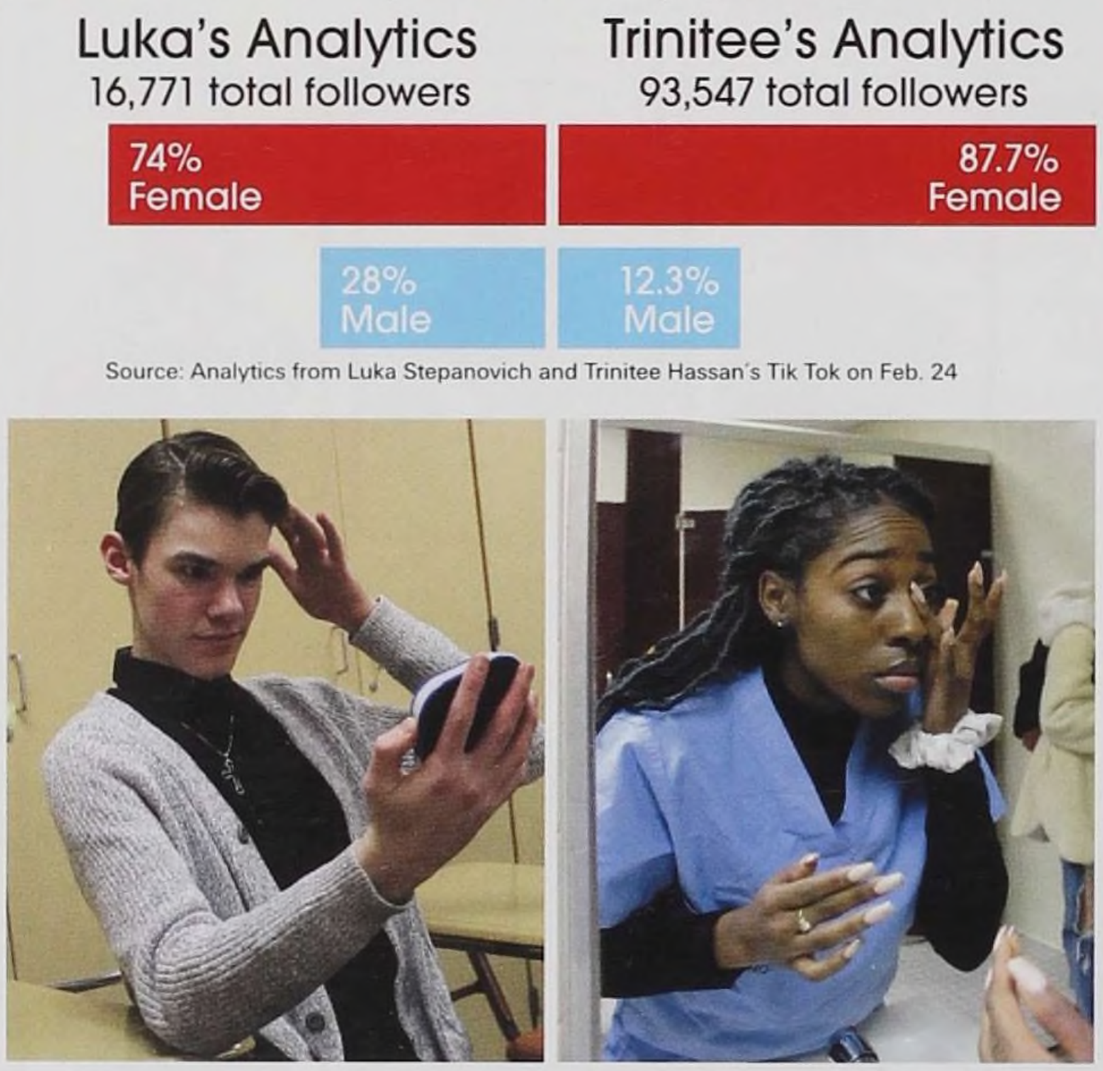
Phone zone Before the school day, Gillian Bedenk and Kyle Adams, seniors, play games on their phones. "Brick Breakers was hands down my favorite game," Gillian said. "Kyle and I had competitions on who could complete the most levels." **Photo by Lucy Torres** **Head in the game** After school, Anthony Montella, senior, plays on the eSports team. "It was important for us to be on the same page at all times, so we used the chats in our game," Anthony said. **Photo by Alyssa Lebron** **Flower power** During the week of Valentine's Day, Katie Calderon, sophomore, prepares secret messages for students at the Robotics carnation sale fundraiser. "The students seemed to love the secret donation idea, so it was fun to be part of it," Katie said. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Gone viral

Students with TikTok fame compare analytics and their creative content



Hair check
Before his Ethnic Studies class, Luka Stepanovich, sophomore checks his hair. Luka originally joined TikTok to gain clout, but loved the comedy videos and environment. "My favorite thing about TikTok was that is was a very diverse app and a window into culture," Luka said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert



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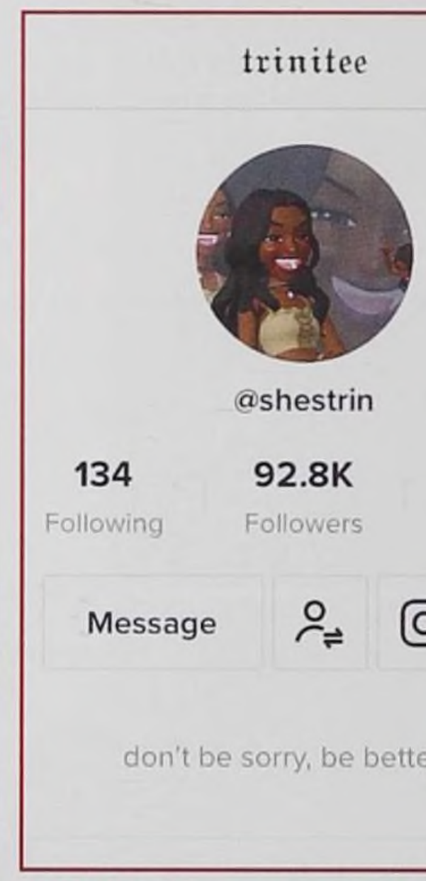


Practicioning makes perfect
After her 6th hour ASL class, Trinitee Hassan, senior, gets ready for her internship at Community Hospital. Trinitee made TikToks on the social issues of black people in America. "I loved how I was able to find out new music and the hilarious people on there," Trinitee said.
Photo by Lucy Torres

@ this moment

@MHS_SS2019 tweets to promote school spirit

MHS Student Section @MHS_... · Feb 9
THEME POLL FOR TUESDAYS GAME AGAINST CHESTERTON! HUGE GAME!!!! POP OUT!!!

MAMBA NIGHT #RIP 34.8%
RED SEA 65.2%

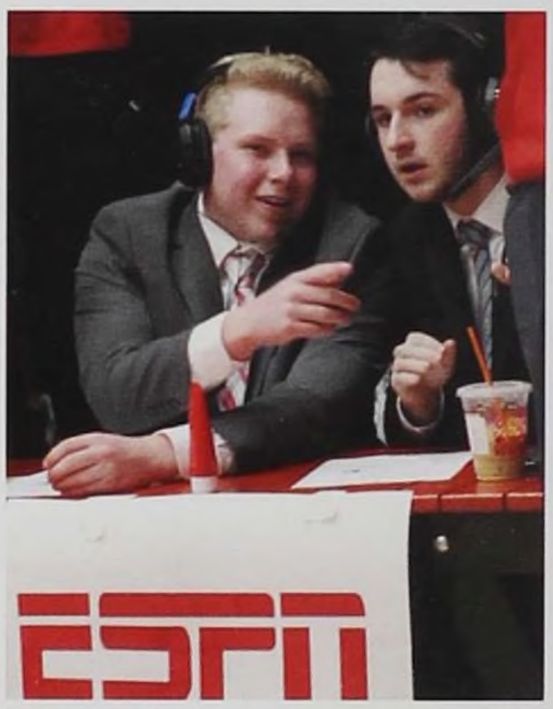
MHS Student Section @... · Oct 2, 2019
SENIOR NIGHT!!! Come out and wish all of our seniors a happy senior night on Friday at 7:00 at home. The football players, cheerleaders, and dancers will all be honored for all of their hard work that they have put into their respective sports the last four years. Theme: RED OUT

MHS Student Section @MHS... · Feb 11
Looks familiar, right? @HHS_FanSection

MHS Student Section @MHS... · Feb 15
Heck of a season @MunsterGirlsBB!! Students of Munster High are more than proud of you ladies!! Congratulations to the Seniors on finishing your last season strong! ❤️ #RollStangsForLife

MHS Student Section ... · Aug 22, 2019
Make sure to bring a red shirt/towel with you in addition of our blackout to the game tomorrow. There's a storm coming! #CalmBeforeTheStorm #RollStangs

Source: Screenshots from MHS Student Section Twitter on Feb. 24



Live on air
Dressed as ESPN reporters, Adam Daniels and Cole Portone, seniors, lead the student section. The pair ran the MHS Student Section Twitter account with fellow senior Costa Sirounis. "We talked about it at school throughout the week and decide on a theme a day or two before the game," Adam said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

IT'S A SOCIAL WORLD

Social media: love it or hate it, it's a part of your world. You can look at your Snap Map to see where your friends are after the 8th hour bell rings. You can find information about the Boys' Basketball senior night on the MHS Student Section Twitter feed. You can even dance the "Renegade" with your friends on TikTok. Regardless of how social you are online, social media still factors into your life in one way or another, mixing its way into your world.

Inside scoop

Students discuss how they chose their Snapchat private story names

preshis eating

Precious Rivera

sophomore

"I made this private because I thought it would be a fun way to show my friends what I eat, because I eat a ton and they don't believe me."

on beans

John Linnane

sophomore

"It started as an inside joke with my friend Adam (Wisniewski, '19), then I started saying it as I was hungry or tired. Like 'bro I'm on beans right now, I only got an hour of sleep'."

crackhead croissants

Carina Crisan

junior

"Since elementary school I always brought croissants as snacks to school and kids pointed out that my last name sounds like croissant as well."

Work or play

Two seniors discuss different uses for their Instagram accounts

Business account

In his profile picture, Dominick Reda, senior, dons headphones. Dominick promoted his DJ business through his instagram account @dxg_entertainment. "I started DJing in middle school and I actually did my own dances," Dominick said. "I started because I really loved music."

Photo provided by Dominick Reda

Fan account

Smiling with Taylor Swift, Stephanie Niemiec, senior, poses for a photo. Stephanie ran @swiftie_stephanie, a Taylor Swift fan account with 27.4k followers. "Having a dance party in your room alone a 2 a.m. to crying in the shower to singing at the top of your lungs with the windows down.. there's a Taylor song for it," Stephanie said.

Photo provided by Stephanie Niemiec

"My favorite thing was when I look out onto the dance floor and saw people having the time of their lives."

Dominick Reda, 12

"I've made countless amazing friendships through my account spanning from people in London to Australia to New York. I've been able to learn a lot from them and the online community has really broadened my outlook of the world."

Stephanie Niemiec, 12

TAKE YOUR WORLD AND REDEFINE IT

IRED. It's the color of Munster High School. It was painted onto the outside of the school as first semester started. It was coated onto the refurbished floors in the Fieldhouse. It was decaled onto the concession stands. It was printed onto the photo murals near the Athletics Office. It was decorated onto the walls of South.

"We were trying to make it look like Munster High School with the school colors," Mr. Mike Wells, principal, said. "The school's cosmetic features were not renovated since the last renovation in 1998. So when you walked on the carpet in the north part of the building, that had been there for 22 years."

But even if something changed, it still meant the same things to us.

"I liked the look of the Commons with all of the Hall of Fame pictures because when you came into Munster High School, that was what people thought of: the academic success that the students had here," Mr. Wells said.

Everything was red. Everything was redefined. Everything was us.

"(The school) now gives a sense of pride more than green lockers and navy, burgundy, and blue carpet did. To me, it feels like Munster High School."
Mr. Mike Wells, principal

Lunch break Laughing and spending time with her friends, Libby Fesko, sophomore, tells a story in the cafeteria. This year was the first one where long lunch was offered to sophomores. "I liked the freedom long lunch gave you," Libby said. "You didn't have to ask to go to the bathroom or to see a teacher." **Photo by Cali Petersen** **Happy face** At a basketball game, KeNyah Foster, senior, smiles. The cheerleaders were watching the dancers perform. "It was fun watching them." Ke'Nyah said. "I didn't really know a lot of the dancers, but we still had a good relationship." **Photo by Sean O'Rourke** **Pencil power** In their Honors English 9 class, Mateo Porras and Ayush Arora, freshmen, experiment with the new flexible seating. Mrs. Kelly Barnes' classroom was a pilot room with new furniture inside. "I put a pencil in between the desks, and I was like, 'We can just start playing Jenga with these pencils and erasers,'" Ayush said. "It worked perfectly for the first couple of rounds." **Photo by Vanessa Situ**

What is the best school update?

"I just like the new flooring because it is brighter. It doesn't look dark and gloomy anymore."
Alyssa Sangueza, 10

"How they kept most of the bathrooms all the same. Broken stall doors and all."
Isaiah Rosinski, 11

"I think the little quotes in the hallways are really cute. It is nice to see the decorations as you are walking around."
Jaclyn Bevil, 11

Botany boys In Botany class, Andrew Synko and Aiden Smith, seniors, plant carrots. "We got to see how a seed could grow into a plant in just a couple of weeks." Andrew said. **Photo by Sean O'Rourke**

Super store In front of the Corral, Miguel Gambetta, sophomore, uses his computer. During the year, workers pasted new posters onto the store's windows. **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

Got spirit At the Best Buddies Bowl, Maureen Van Matre, junior, claps. Maureen's friends picked a crown stamp for her forehead. "I was having such a good time at the Best Buddies Bowl," Maureen said. "It was so good to be there and to support everyone out there having a good time on the court." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

TV time
Before heading to class, Catherine Ornelas and Jenai Panora, juniors, say goodbye. During passing periods, the two would hang around the new smart TVs and chat. "The TVs helped with time a lot when I was in passing period," Catherine said. "When you couldn't keep track, the TVs helped with knowing how much time you have left and if you should speed up or not."
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Twist it
At basketball conditioning, Emily Zabrecky, senior, does Russian twists. The team was in the weight room when a fire alarm went off and forced the team to exercise outside instead. "It was funny, but it was also worth it because everyone still got a workout in," Emily said.
Photo by Chloe Lambert

Pop off During the GSA Christmas party, Julia Smith, freshman, prepares to pour a cup of Dr. Pepper. The club did a scavenger hunt and played Kahoot!. "Everyone is really accepting and it's really easy to make friends there," Julia said. "It's a very open and happy circle." **Photo by Lucy Torres** **Shock and awe** Sporting a penny, Aleks Maric, sophomore, gasps at a soccer game from the sidelines. As center back, Aleks had to pay close attention to the game while not on the field. "I tried to think about what was going on so that in case I went in, I knew what I needed to do to help the team win," Aleks said. **Photo by Robert Young** **Sprinkle of change** Outside of the main office, Mrs. Lisa Wilson, Main Office secretary, sets up shop. A waterline broke during the construction in the Main Office, and the office's personnel had to work elsewhere. "It's taking me longer to do work permits, it's taking me longer to get someone a locker," Mrs. Wilson said. "It's a beautiful workspace now though. I love that it is finally red." **Photo by Chloe Lambert**

In the end, it's not about the new floors or waterline breaks or even the red paint — it's about how you continued to "have a mustang day" despite everything. Although not everyday is perfect, we remember the good moments like driving down Calumet without construction, seeing friends at Motea or getting an A on that Honors Geometry test after studying all day. By taking part in all these moments, you managed to...

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During spring 2020, the virus COVID-19 took our world and completely redefined it. On the last day of school, March 13, we all thought we would be back in class by mid-April. However, it didn't take administration long to realize that a swift return to school was impossible. Because of social distancing guidelines, the building was closed. Since students couldn't go inside of the school, they had online eLearning through the school's Blackboard site. Friends couldn't meet in person, so they hung out in video calls using apps like Skype and Zoom. We could not go to the theaters, so Joe Exotic and "Tiger King" kept us company on the couch. MHS could not play against Highland High School in sports, so they challenged us in the Battle of the Bridge exercise challenge on Twitter. People were still stuck at home for Easter, so the Easter Bunny rode around town on a firetruck, bringing smiles and joy. Life was scary, but by adjusting you managed to...

Sign of the times
When the school was empty, the sign outside the main entrance was left on to bring some hope.
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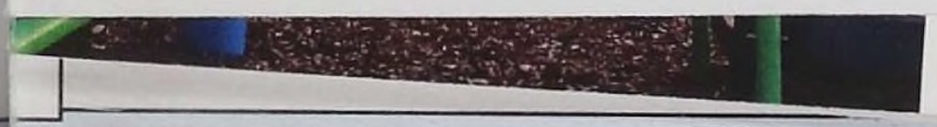


Safety site Many tents were set up all over the country to conduct COVID-19 screening tests. In Munster, the screening site was near the strip mall on Calumet Avenue. **Photo by Mia Terek** **Stay back** As COVID-19 increased, many nonessential services were closed. Home Depot was considered essential and stayed open, but for they heavily encouraged social distancing procedures as a precautionary measure. **Photo by Angela Ortega** **COVID caution** As public places shut down, many parks, like White Oak park, had caution tape surrounding the playgrounds. This was to prevent people from using the parks and spreading the virus. **Photo by Alison Lee**

Ticking timeline

Students reveal their thoughts on how the coronavirus unfolded

Dec. 31, 2019: First cases reported in Wuhan, China

Jan. 13, 2020: the first recorded case outside of China

Jan. 21, 2020: United States confirms its first case of COVID-19

March 7, 2020: One fifth of all students worldwide are out of School

March 13, 2020: Munster High School closes until further notice

March 23, 2020: Governor Holcomb announces stay-at-home order

April 2 2020: Governor Holcomb orders schools to be closed for the rest of the academic school year

April 6 2020: Governor Holcomb extends stay at home order to May 1st.

"I wasn't really worried about it at first because it wasn't in the U.S." **Alexander Panos, 9**

" Once I heard that it was spreading to more and more countries, I definitely was scared." **Glanna Hough, 11**

"I felt a little worried about it because I didn't know what was going to happen." **Nick Godinez, 10**

"I felt left out because I wanted to be out as well." **Ryan Ramierz, 10**

"It was exciting at first to have a long spring break but then things got worse." **Nick Ibarra, 12**

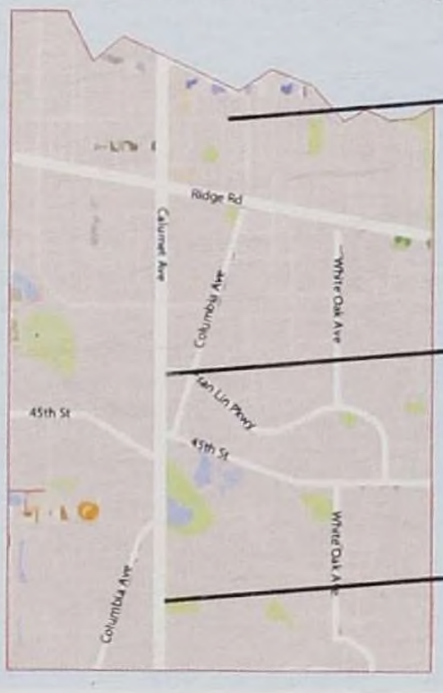
"I was excited because I thought I was only going to have a longer spring break than originally planned." **Ariel Gallardo, 11**

"I was extremely disappointed. The class of 2020 had been stripped of the big senior moments." **Ava Cundiff, 12**

"For me that meant a longer time that I couldn't get into the pool or see my friends." **Casey McNulty, 9**

Off the map

How businesses responded to COVID-19



Target 8005 Calumet Avenue
- Reserved hours for vulnerable guests
- No contact pick up options
- Staff disinfected carts and made sure customers kept six feet apart in checkout lines

Starbucks 9150 Calumet Avenue
- Closed from March 21 to May 4
- Drive-through only

Class UFC Gym 10417 Calumet Avenue
- Closed from March 17 to May 24
- Live workout classes on Facebook

Redefining word

While the world continued to change, people had to continuously redefine their world to keep up in an effort to keep up. Look to the bottom of each page in the Paragon spring supplement to find out how students defined their individual worlds during the dangerous time of COVID-19.

NWI neighborly

Senior lends a helping hand

Mask on
Working for NWI Healthcare Workers, Mitch Walsh, senior, works with the Dyer Police Department and helps sew masks "I was helping as an intern by working with many different agencies," Walsh said. "We totaled around 27,000 masks."
Photo provided by Mitch Walsh

IT'S A REDEFINED WORLD

One week into quarter four, our world was redefined by the COVID-19 pandemic. Friday, March 13 was our last day sitting next to each other in the cafeteria, and then the next day we were told not to leave our homes and to stay six feet apart from others. A car parade replaced Prom and bedrooms suddenly became classrooms. Despite the changes in our everyday lives, students and staff were able to redefine their worlds and adapt to quarantine.

In safe hands

Quarantine do's and don'ts during the stay-at-home order

Hand hygiene

Keeping clean, Amanda Beaudouin, senior, washes her hands. Amanda was always a germaphobe and was conscious of how often she washed her hands since COVID-19 began. "I washed my hands three more times a day than I did before," Amanda said. "Before COVID-19 I relied more on hand sanitizer."
Photo provided by Amanda Beaudouin

Do	Don't
Clean hands often with soap and water	Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth
Keep a safe distance from anyone coughing or sneezing	Interact with people outside of your family
Wear a mask	Cross contaminate your gloves

COVID check

Some insight and information on the coronavirus

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

What was COVID-19?

COVID-19 was a disease caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2.

Why was it dangerous?

Older adults and individuals that had medical conditions were at high risk. It also spread more easily than even influenza did.

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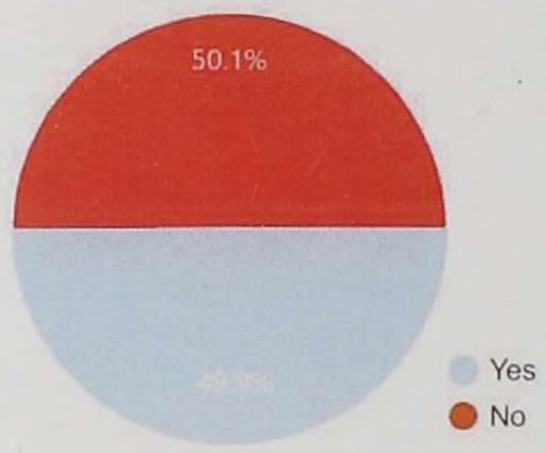
How we coped at home

For many, quarantine brought a newfound opportunity: free time. Whether it was spending hours on TikTok, rollerskating or learning crochet, there was always something to do. Although at times we struggled to stay sane, we all found ways to cope with our strange world.

Did you take up a **new hobby** over quarantine?



Data provided by a Paragon survey of 337 students on Google Forms from April 16- May 11

Hair happenings

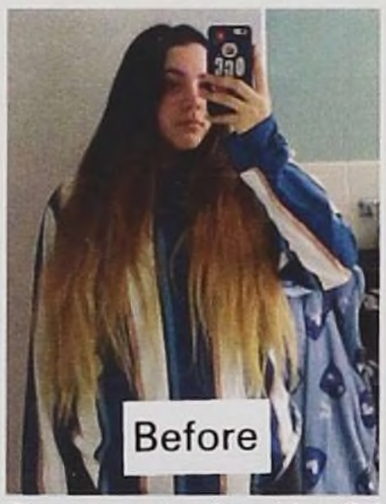
Quarantine allows students to change their hair

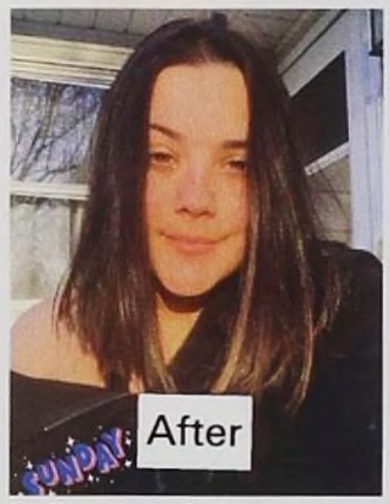
Who? Olivia Candelaria, junior

What? Cut off 17 inches of hair

How Went to Hair Cuttery

Why? "Once they canceled school for a little, I decided there was no harm in doing it."





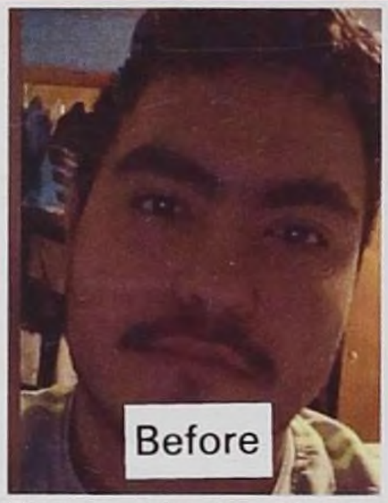
Photos submitted by Olivia Candelaria

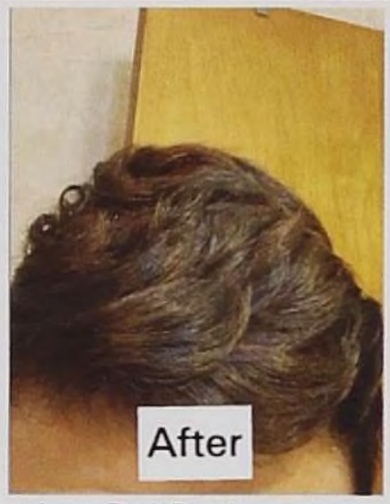
Who? Jonathan Del Real, senior

What? Dyed his hair

How? His mom and sister bleached his hair

Why? "I always wanted to try it out. We were in quarantine so, I thought a change would be nice."





Photos submitted by Jonathan Del Real

Pet party

Students utilize quarantine to spend time with their pets

"My favorite thing to do with her was snuggle. I think at first I annoyed her, but I grew on her."

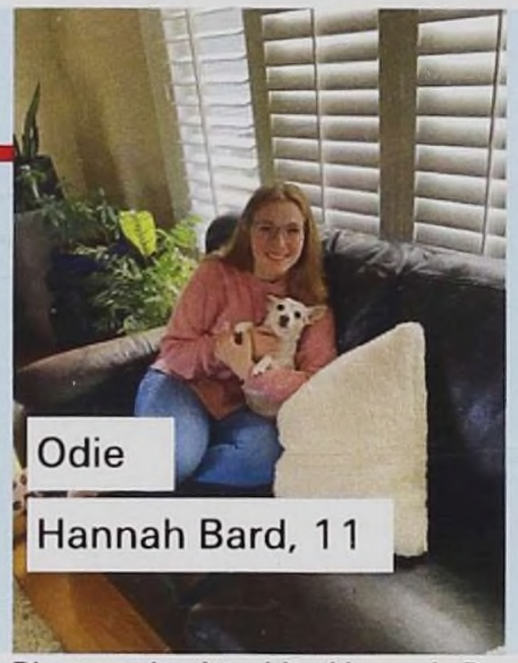


Photo submitted by Hannah Bard

"We definitely bonded a lot over quarantine because we were always with each other. She loved to cuddle with me and in the mornings, she would do circles around me when I was preparing her food."

Photo submitted by Anabelle Hauter

What's cooking?

Morgan Bottiger,sophomore, spends her time in quarantine cooking

Q. Why did you start to cook during your time at home?

A. I did not want to do school work.

Q. What was your favorite thing you cooked?

A. Risotto.

Q. Where did you get your recipes from?

A. I found them on Tasty.com.

Pictured: chocolate truffles, submitted by Morgan Bottiger

Family matters

Hanging out, mom, Claire Nowak, junior, Kate Krawczyk, sophomore, dad and brother Joe Nowak, class of '19, spend time with each other. During quarantine they went on walks, watched tv, cooked, cleaned and did kahoots. "I learned new things about my family and how they spend their time alone," Kate said. "I also learned that we never seemed to run out of things to talk about."

Photo submitted by Kate Krawczyk

Mango

Ava Quasney, 11

"My favorite activity was playing fetch. My cat acted like a dog and every time he brought a toy to me, I'd throw it for him. He and I would both be so entertained."

"Quarantine brought me closer to my dog because I was home every day. We went on many late night walks."

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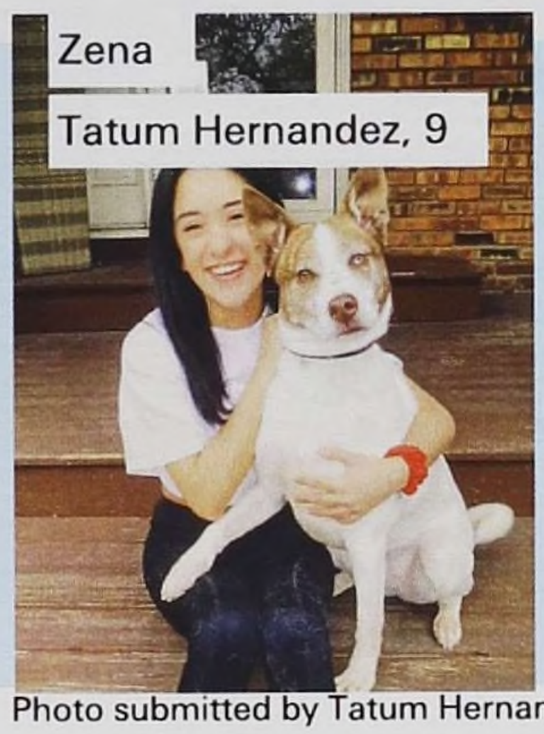

Zena

Tatum Hernandez, 9

"Quarantine has brought Ted and I closer because we go on daily walks to keep us both in shape. He also loves sitting by me while I read."

Photo submitted by Tatum Hernandez

Ted

Riley Ramirez, 10

Photo submitted by Riley Ramirez

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What's trending?

Students explain participation in trends

Until tomorrow

"I thought it was kinda silly, but I did it because I thought it would be a funny way to connect with friends."

David Cohen, 12

30 day song challenge

"I was bored and I thought it was a fun way to show what songs I listened to."

Paris Marshall, 10

See a uni, send a uni

"I thought that it was a creative way to stay involved with all of the other athletes that were affected during this tough time."

Daija Williams, 12

Mirrors outside

"I thought it was a fun way to put use of extra time during such a hard time with coronavirus going on."

Salma Khani, 10

No shame On Instagram, David Cohen, senior, posts an "Until Tomorrow" post. This trend had users post embarrassing photos of themselves for twenty-four hours and those who liked had to do the same. **Photo submitted by David Cohen** **Good times** Following a trend, Daija Williams, senior, posts a softball photo for "See a uni, send a uni." The trend encouraged those who missed a sport season and to bring back good memories. **Photo submitted Daija Williams** **Picture perfect** Using a mirror, Salma Khani, sophomore, poses for a photo. This mirror trend started on TikTok to take photos on your own. **Photo submitted by Salma Khani**

Keeping your distance

Due to the uncertain lockdown, toilet paper has been in high demand and seen as a symbol for COVID-19. This is a representation of how far each person should be amongst others.

"We were all pitching in to help stop a deadly virus and there were many ways to communicate such as facetime and texting. We were just living in a new temporary normal life."

Daniel Cornejo, 11

"This was important for us to stay safe during the pandemic and prevent the spread of the virus, however it was also difficult since we all wanted to go out and hang out with friends but couldn't."

Vitaliy Prots, 12

Social Life

How students stayed connected from a distance

When you're told to stay six feet apart, it may seem impossible to stay connected with the people you're used to seeing every day. When conversations at lunch turn into Snapchat messages and you rely on a strong WiFi connection more than ever, students had to redefine the way they communicated in the midst of a pandemic.

Live to play

Students talk about gaming

"Streaming allows me to capture all the funny and awesome moments I have with my friends and turn them into memories."

Emilio Cantu, 10

"(The basketball team) would play before quarantine for a little bit, but most of our schedules were different. Once everyone was home, we played together a lot more often."

Jeffrey Hemmelgarn, 12

Birthdays 5 ways

How students celebrated birthdays while in quarantine

1. Calista Petersen, sophomore, decorated Kenna Teske's, sophomore, yard.

2. Patricia Castro, senior, watched old home videos with her family.

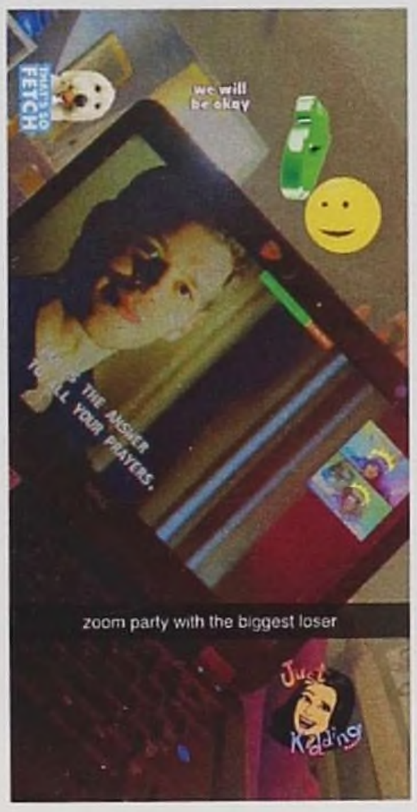
3. Andrew and Daniel Tabaczynski, juniors, played bean bag toss and had a bonfire.

4. Patricia Proctor, senior, had a social distancing parking lot party with her friends.

5. Sami Muhrez, senior, had a car parade on his birthday.

Movie mania

Students discuss movie sharing



"We hadn't talked talked in a long time due to quarantine and watching the show was a plus to catching up. I started a zoom call and then voilà we had a mini Netflix party. Had a good, old time."

Jenai Panora, 11

Sharing is caring
While in quarantine, Jenai Panora and Catherine Ornelas, juniors, share a screen to watch shows together. Many have found different ways to stay connected during this pandemic such as movie sharing. **Photo submitted by Jenai Panora**

"We can all comment on what we are watching together without the hassle of a video call. With COVID-19, this has been one of the best ways to have a quasi hangout."

Matthew Cortez, 12

Missing you
All dressed up, Krysten Caradine and Jordan Garrison, sophomores, pose for a photo. This was taken after the first day of school. "I miss seeing my friends in person," Jordan said. "But we are making the best of it." **Photo submitted by Krysten Caradine**

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A spring season cut short

Story by Riley Ramirez

Athletes talk about the cancellations of their spring sports

All athletes have a final memory of their spring season, whether it's a banquet or a final game. The class of 2020, however, did not get to live out these well-deserved memories. Going into a season, athletes look forward to a shot at state and creating final memories with their best friends and teammates.

"I missed out on a lot," Josh Batur, senior, Varsity baseball team, said. "I was not able to have another run with the kids I grew up with, or even have a senior night. It just sucked altogether."

COVID-19 has taken opportunities away from players that would be difficult to get back.

"I was devastated when I heard that our season got canceled because I thought I had the individual state title locked in for this year," Sanjana Tallamraju, sophomore, Varsity tennis team, said. "The team took some time to process the news and then talked to each other about it. There were definitely some tears involved."

Preparing all year for a season full of success and growth was hard. But then getting it taken away so fast was a shock to athletes and coaches alike. The pandemic came extremely quickly and took everything away from the students even more quickly.

"I was really disappointed because I had been working out and training so much from November to March," Micheal Collins, sophomore, track team, said. "It seemed like a waste because I only ran one meet."

Tearing up

While the spring sports season ended early, the construction on the school continued. The John E. Friend Athletic Complex underwent massive renovations on the football field and track so that it would be ready to play for the seasons ahead. **Photo by Leila Danianos**

@ your workout

Munster and Highland take part in a exercise challenge #battleofthebridge

Tuesday 4/14
10 lunges per leg

Thursday 4/16
40 alt. shoulder taps

Monday 4/13
10 sit ups
10 push ups

Wednesday 4/15
15 squat jumps

Friday 4/17
10 burpees

Emma Gossman
@emma_gossman
A House Divided Day 5! We couldn't stop laughing. @Munster_Sports @Gossmannwi #battleofthebridge

Leo and family coming in clutch!! #battleofthebridge
Munster Wrestling @munster_... · 4/16/20
#battleofthebridge @Munster_Sports

Rival win MHS Athletics twitter account announces the win of the Battle of the Bridge. Students, teachers, administrators and alumni from Highland and Munster took part in the event. **Photo provided by @Munster_Sports**

Score board Throughout the challenge, coordinators kept track of the score via points. On the final day the score was revealed and MHS won. **Photo provided by MHS Facebook**

Students involved Students join in on the fun by posting photos of themselves participating. Leo Tsirtsis, junior, and Emma Gossman, sophomore, participated in the challenge. **Photo provided by @Munster_Sports**

Mustang strong His muzzle smiling, the Munster Mustang gloats in front of Highland. The Mustang crossed the Munster-Highland bridge for a quick photo to commemorate the challenge won. **Photo provided by MHS Facebook**

Sports canceled

COVID-19 causes the cancellation of professional sports worldwide

National Basetball Assocation
Season postponed
announced March 11

"From an avid baseball fan standpoint, I thought it sucked because I was really looking forward to this season.

Alex Kojich, 12

National Hockey League
Season canceled
announced March 12

March Madness
NCCA Championship
Championship canceled
announced March 12

"I was surprised that the organizations canceled everything. I wondered even if the organizations would reopen their sports."

Scott Robbins, 10

Major Leauge Baseball
Spring training canceled
Season postponed
announced March 12

"I was extremely shocked and disappointed that sports were being canceled."

James Smith, 11

2020 Olympic Games
Location Tokyo, Japan
postponed until 2021
annouced March 23

Staying in shape

Students share exercises to stay in shape

"I was doing curls with weights. I wanted to stay in shape for my upcoming college baseball season. Working out also made me feel more healthy."

Ronnie Nowak, 12

Photo submitted by Ronnie Nowak

"I did squats. I wanted to stay in shape so that I didn't have my endurance fall behind before dance season."

Cali Petersen, 10

Photo submitted by Cali Petersen

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Learning through a screen

Story by Riley Ramirez

Students talk about the difficulty of concentrating on eLearning

You're sitting down and getting ready to start your eLearning homework when you get a Snapchat notification. You decide that you should respond to the text because after all, you have all day to work on this assignment, right?

In school, you go from class to class, amidst crowded halls of chatter and laughter in order to meet your teachers for an hour and conveniently learn new material in a face-to-face setting. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, has caused students from all over the world to alter this routine of learning in person to learning through the screen of an electronic device at home.

While using these electronics at home have forced students to try to learn in a more comfortable way, it has also brought about difficulties for many in concentrating on school work when trying to complete it in a timely manner.

"Being put into an environment where I was not being supervised by someone or being motivated by my classmates to do my work didn't give me the focus I needed to concentrate," Emily Sun, sophomore, said. "In school, I worked towards a set of goals and the people around me helped me reach these goals. But at home, I didn't have anyone to ask questions to or talk with."

Many feel that home should be a place away from the rest of the world where students can relax and take a break from school and extracurriculars. These people feel that then at school, they can remove themselves from their routines of social media and the internet. Now, however, the lines are somewhat blurred.

"I personally worked better at school because I was distracted less," Edgar Mariscal, sophomore, said. "I was so used to a classroom environment that it was not easy for me to adjust to learning at home. At home, I was also always on my phone because I knew I wouldn't get a detention."

Say cheese

In a meeting, Munster Publications discuss assignments and catch up. This was one of the many Zoom calls during quarantine where Munster Publications discussed this spring supplement. "Even though it was not the ideal form of meeting, the Pub Zoom calls were the highlight of my quarantine," Atarah Israel, sophomore, said. "Seeing everyone's face was definitely encouraging and reminded me that I was not alone in all of this."
Photo submitted by Alexis Lindenmayer

Quarantine art

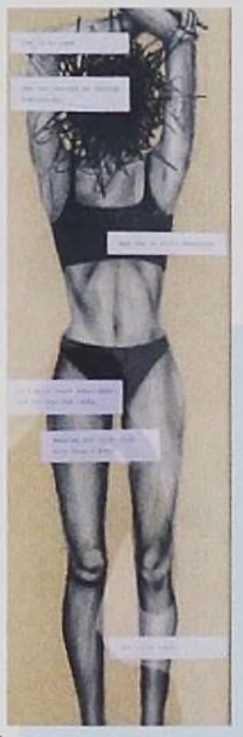
Grace Rau, senior, shares some of her pieces made her senior year

"I got accepted to the Art Institute of Chicago. It's a difficult school to get into and I wasn't super confident about it when I applied, but just being accepted was a huge achievement to me."
Grace Rau, 12

"I got the idea for this after writing a research paper about sexual harassment. The statistics were much more startling than I thought they would be. I made this as a way to shed some light on the issue and maybe encourage people to discuss it more rather than just pretending it wasn't a problem."

"I got a lot of my ideas by listening to song lyrics or reading poetry. This whole idea was inspired by a line in a Jon Bellion song called 'The Internet.'"

"With the sudden end to my high school career, I was thinking a lot about how the time went by so fast. It was like kindergarten to high school graduation happened in the blink of an eye. So I decided to do a portrait of a childhood photograph to slow down and reminisce."



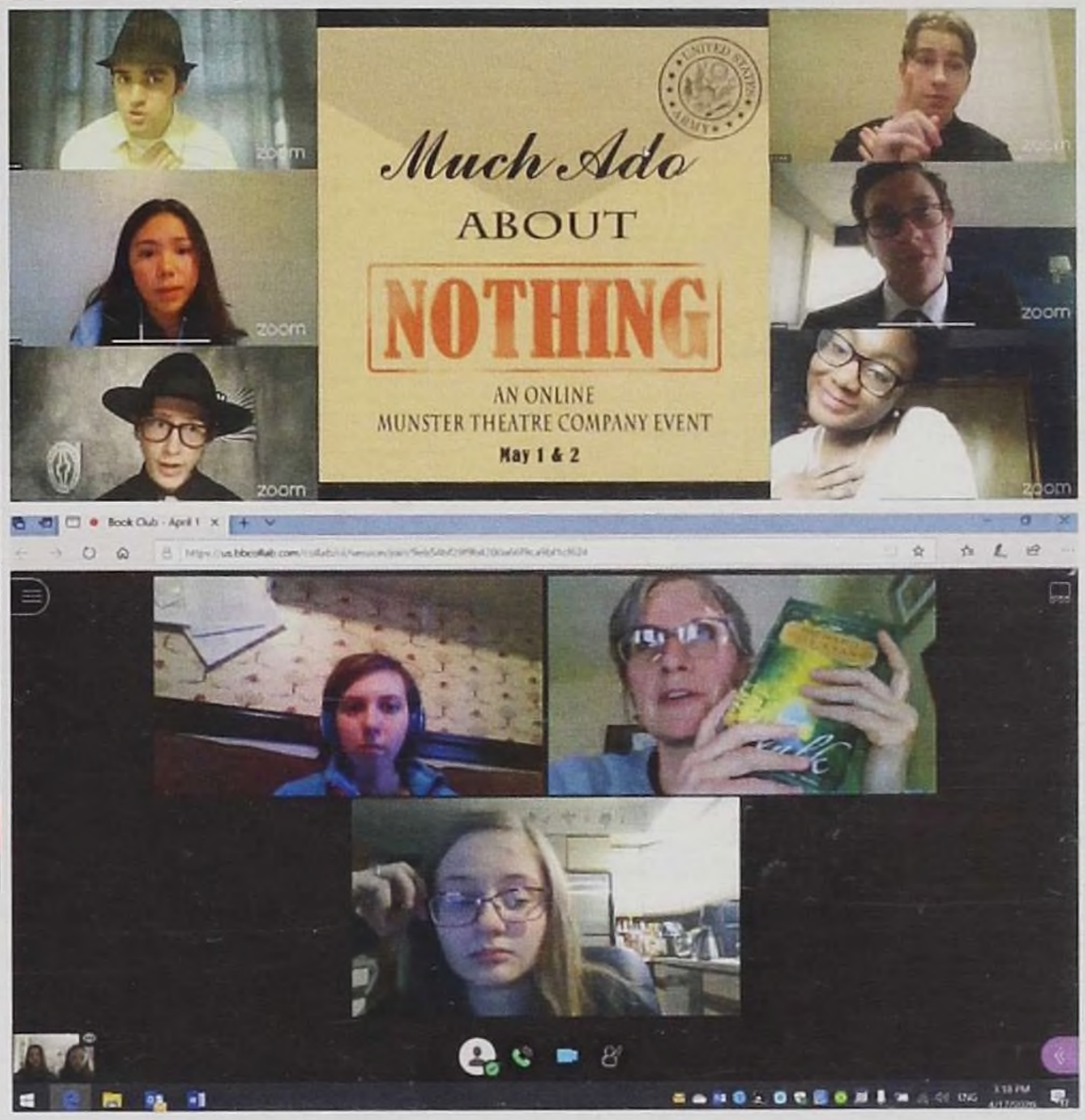
"When I originally started, this was just so I could learn to use charcoal. But the more I worked on it, I saw an opportunity to give it a deeper meaning and wrote a poem to go with it."

The show must go on

On show day for "Much Ado About Nothing," Josh Korwek, Sarah Espiritu, Thomas Weakland, freshmen, Hayden Stanley, sophomore, Hunter Hamer, junior, and Camryn Hayes, senior, perform in the MTC live stream. The students adjusted to changes and performed online to show their efforts on the first and second of May. "I thought it was really cool how we found a way to perform when we couldn't be together," Sarah said. "It was real proof that the show must go on." **Photo from the live stream**

By the books

On a Zoom call, Mia Terek, junior, Simona Terek, Jennalyse Blandford and Jenna Rock, sophomores, meet up with Ms. Kelly Hladek, media specialist/librarian. Book club met every other Friday to discuss books they had read. "My favorite book was 'American Born Chinese,'" Simona said. "It was funny, interesting and had a good lesson to be learned from it." **Photo submitted by Mia Terek**



Tips on staying motivated

Chloe Lambert, senior and organizing expert, gives advice on staying motivated during quarantine

- ☑ Try to wake up at the same time everyday
- ☑ Make yourself a little schedule for days when it seems like you have endless amounts of homework (Include breaks!)
- ☑ Find a new hobby or start up an old one; it makes the day go by faster
- ☑ Break up a long day with a walk or run

How is eLearning really?

Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher, gives her opinion on eLearning, which happens every weekday but Wednesday. Teachers had to be available from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Pros

- \+ Sleeping in
- \+ Living in comfy clothes
- \+ No commute to and from work everyday
- \+ Lots of time with my dogs
- \+ Snack time all the time
- \+ More free time

Cons

- — No social time
- — Lack of motivation
- — Missing my students
- — I didn't get to say goodbye to my seniors
- — Staring at a computer all day hurts my eyes

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Change for the worse

Story by Marley Anderson

Teachers discuss how they adjusted to eLearning

Schools, colleges and universities across the globe decided to close. This meant thousands of teachers and professors that used to spend hours everyday teaching students, now worked and communicated from their computers at home. Teachers faced the reality of being sent to work from home and had to immediately prepare lessons for their students and adjust to eLearning in under tenty-four hours. Lecturing, grading, and helping students all through a computer was not easy.

"Going to eLearning was a real adjustment," Mrs. Audrey Fuhs, Spanish teacher, said. "I think world language was among the subjects that most benefited from live interaction. Since we couldn't require students be in front of the computer at a particular time, that was off the table."

Unbeknown to some students, teachers were normal people who were just like everyone else. They had siblings, children, parents, and more. While taking care of their personal lives, they had to stay in touch with their many students through the day.

"We have been friends with many of our neighbors for years and still ran into them outside and got to talk with them in person while maintaining social distancing," Mrs. Fuhs said. "Our daughter, Amy lived in Seattle and our son, Kevin, lived in Louisville. We hadn't seen either of them since February."

Teachers everywhere tried to maintain steady teaching methods that fit students' needs along with their own. Taking in information and only having the option to receive one-on-one help through a screen could prove difficult.

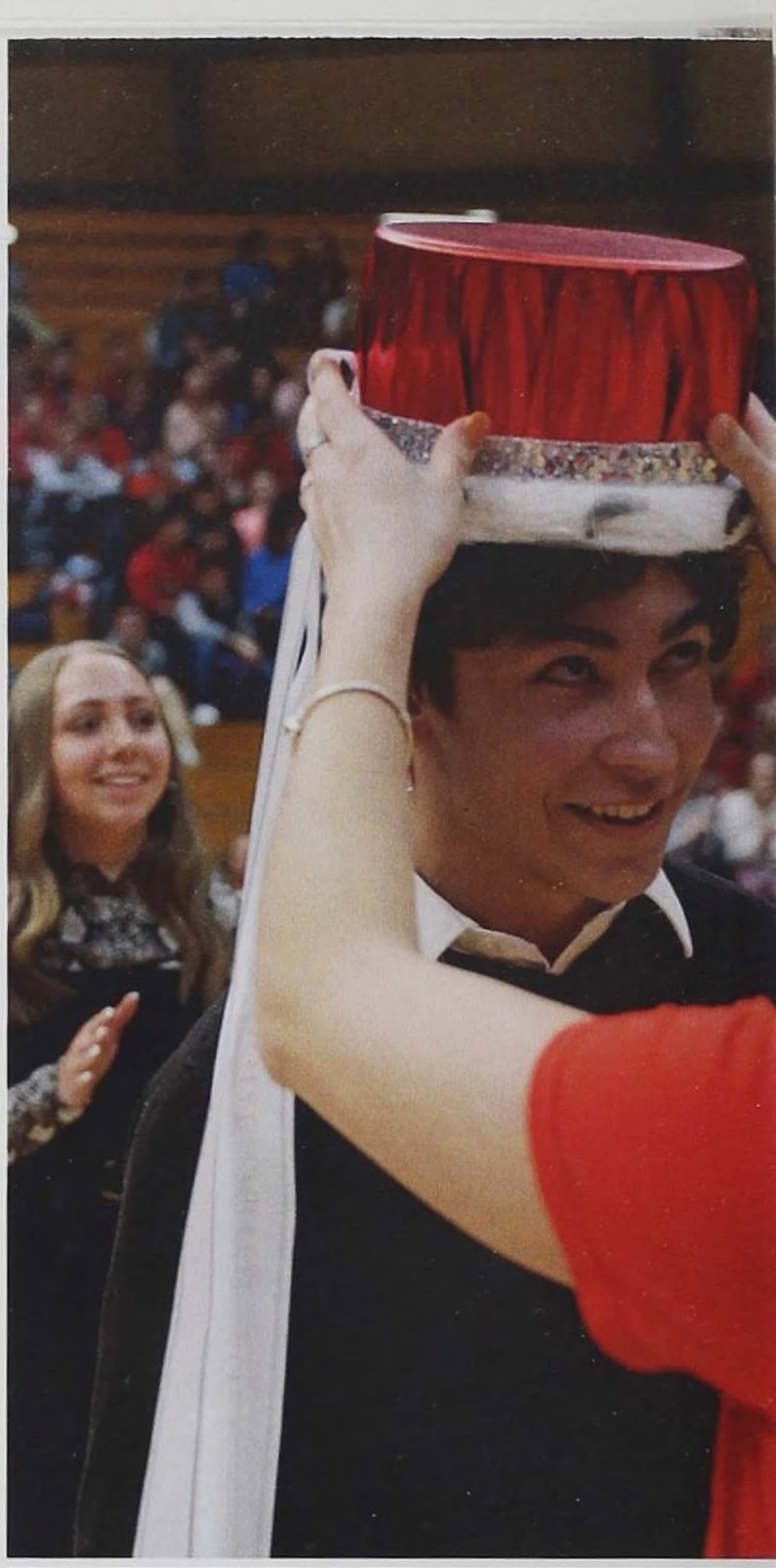
"It's tough to learn from a screen," Mrs. LaPorte said. "Interaction is key for so many, and nothing really replaces that. Kids can get lonely, bored, distracted and depressed. They need school. Parents need school."

However, teachers tried to maintain a sense of normalcy in their online classes.

"I have never truly been a fan of learning from my computer," Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte, social studies teacher, said. "I disliked all of my online courses in college and struggled to actually learn the material. That being said, I tried to make it as normal as possible for my students."

Overall, the pandemic shifted many people's lives around. From social workers to doctors to waiters, everyone tried to do the best they could. Teachers were in charge of educating thousands of students all over the world from just their computers.

"My classroom was a second home for me, and I missed that immensely," Mrs. LaPorte said. "I needed to be back doing the job I love."



Live like a king

During the Turnabout pep rally Robert Young, senior, gets crowned as Turnabout king. While being crowned king, the crowd cheered and clapped. "It was amazing," Robert said. "You're surrounded by everyone who didn't ditch and your knees are weak." **Photo by Todd McKechnie**

May I have this dance?

Turnabout on Feb. 22 was the school year's last dance

Mask up

Getting help to put on a mask, Cynthia Vazquez, junior, waits for Madison Bevil, sophomore, to tie it. The Turnabout theme was Masquerade. The day before was the pep session with game of dodgeball, pitting senior boys against teachers. The dance and cheer teams also performed. Students did not know it would be the last dance of the year due to COVID-19. "Turnabout was fun," Madison said. "It would've been more fun if the DJ would have played other music rather than just rap." **Photo by HR Imaging**

Rock on

At Battle of the Bands, Tatum Hernandez, Giselle Edwards, Kevon Carter and Naomi Fefferman, freshman, celebrate their win on stage. Their band, "The Spectrum," had no idea they were going to win."It was the best feeling to have won," Tatum said. "It was all about the opportunity to do what we loved on stage." **Photo by Madison Green**

The final hour

Students of eighth hour photography share feelings about MHS's closure at the moment the closure was announced

Eighth hour on March 13 was a strange time. At the very end of seventh hour, the school announced it would be closed for four weeks. Students and teachers expressed both joy and disbelief, mostly because it was almost spring break.

Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, photography teacher, had her students reflect on their feelings at the start of the hour.

"I had my students write down and reflect on their feelings for a moment of calm. I never really thought it would be the last day of school, but it was definitely a very surreal moment, which is why we took the picture," she said.

Below are Ms. Lanman's student's thoughts written on March 13.

All smiles

Students in Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman's eighth hour photography take a photo together on the last day in class. The photo was taken during an uncertain time when students did not know if they would be returning to the building. "We took the photo so that if we didn't see each other again we all would have this picture to remember by," Erin Bryce, senior, said.
Photo by Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman

"Joyous."

Mathew Larrison, 11

"The school shutting down is giving mixed emotions, some happy and some not so happy."

Madison Sheeman, 9

"I was taking a nap in the nurses office, and was awoken to screaming on school being off for a month. I am confused."

Arial Petersen, 12

"This is amazing. I would love not to go to school. I will be hanging out with my friends."

Kerra Sepanski, 10

Waving in the rain Student Body President Alyssa Nahnsen, senior, waves to a friend in a car during the car prom parade. "I had no idea who was going to show up and I was very pleasantly surprised," Alyssa said. "I definitely could not contain my excitement." **Photo by Zachary Tucker** **Safety in numbers** Students who participated in the car prom obeyed social distancing guidelines. **Photo by Zachary Tucker** **Leading the way** A Munster police officer escorts the procession as it turns onto Columbia Avenue. **Photo by Zachary Tucker**

A new prom

A prom on four wheels

Prom for MHS was canceled due to the pandemic. With some help, Student Body President Alyssa Nahnsen, senior, planned a drive around MHS as a replacement for Prom. With a police escort, the students hopped into their cars and drove a lap around the school. Some even came dressed in prom outfits for the procession.

"We wanted to find a safe way to get everyone together amidst the COVID-19 crisis, and the prom parade proved to be just that," Alyssa said.

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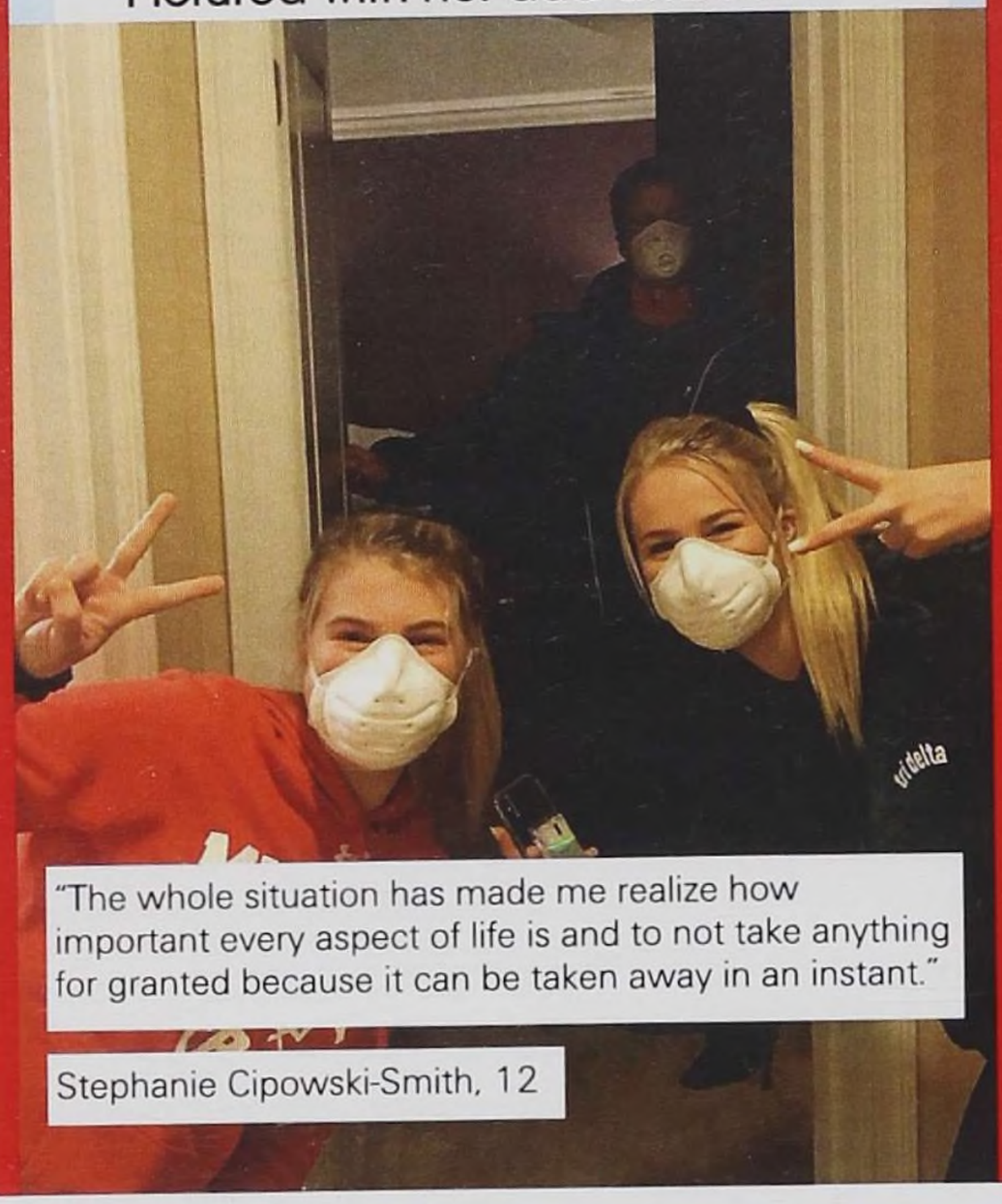
Stephanie Cipowski-Smith

Senior

Pictured with her dad and sister



"The whole situation has made me realize how important every aspect of life is and to not take anything for granted because it can be taken away in an instant."

Stephanie Cipowski-Smith, 12

Grant Afman

Senior

"It sucked. These were moments I will never get back, but one of my favorite quotes was, 'You can't change the cards you are dealt, just how you play the hand.' That really hit hard for me because of this whole situation and I felt that it was all about mindset."

Grant Afman, 12

Serena Marsh

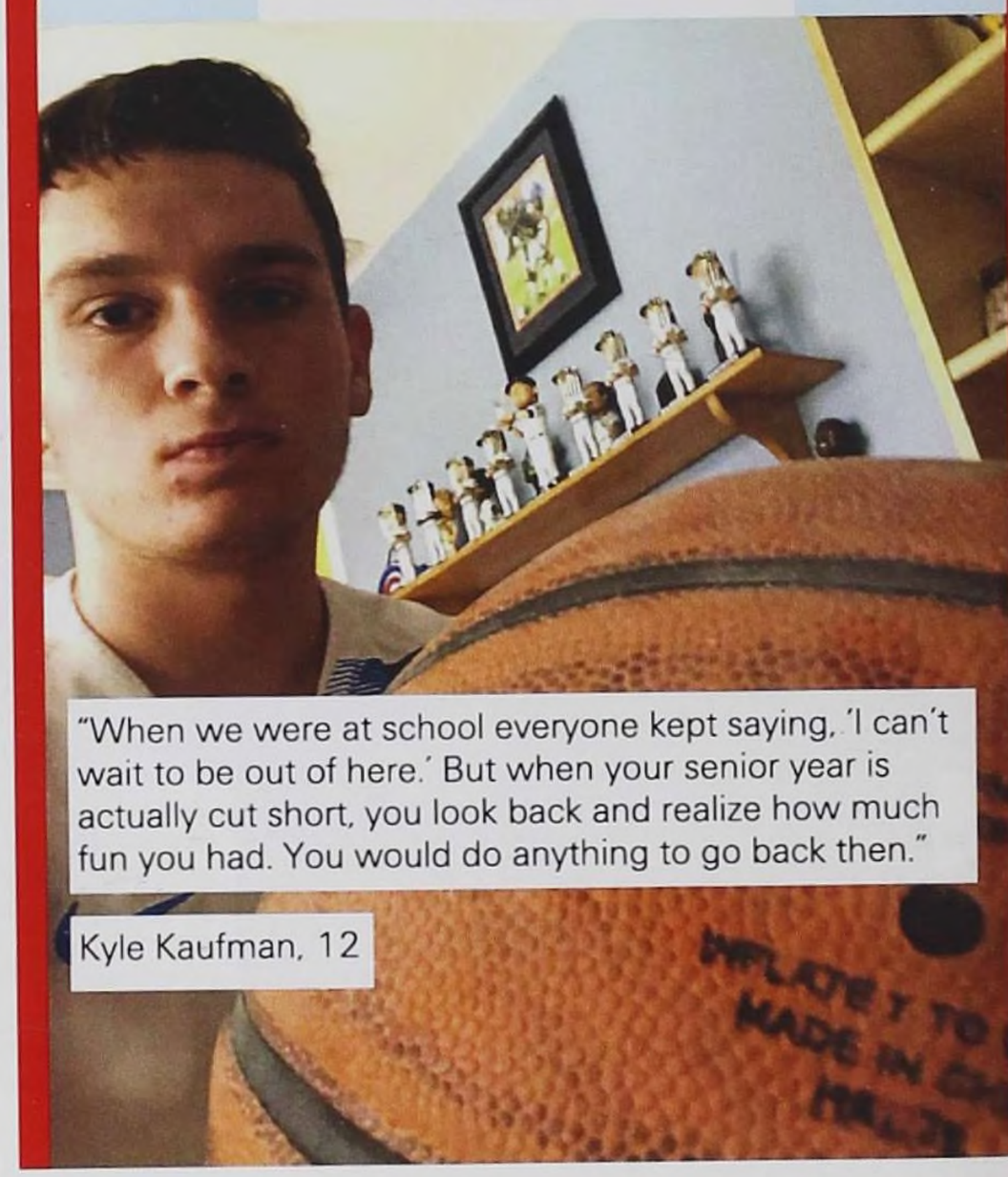
Senior

"I painted my room. I also worked on paintings to hang in my room. I enjoyed taking my dog on walks, going to sit at Cedar Lake, or doing late night drives by myself. I absolutely did not have a daily routine or sleep schedule."

Serena Marsh, 12

Kyle Kaufman

Senior



"When we were at school everyone kept saying, 'I can't wait to be out of here.' But when your senior year is actually cut short, you look back and realize how much fun you had. You would do anything to go back then."

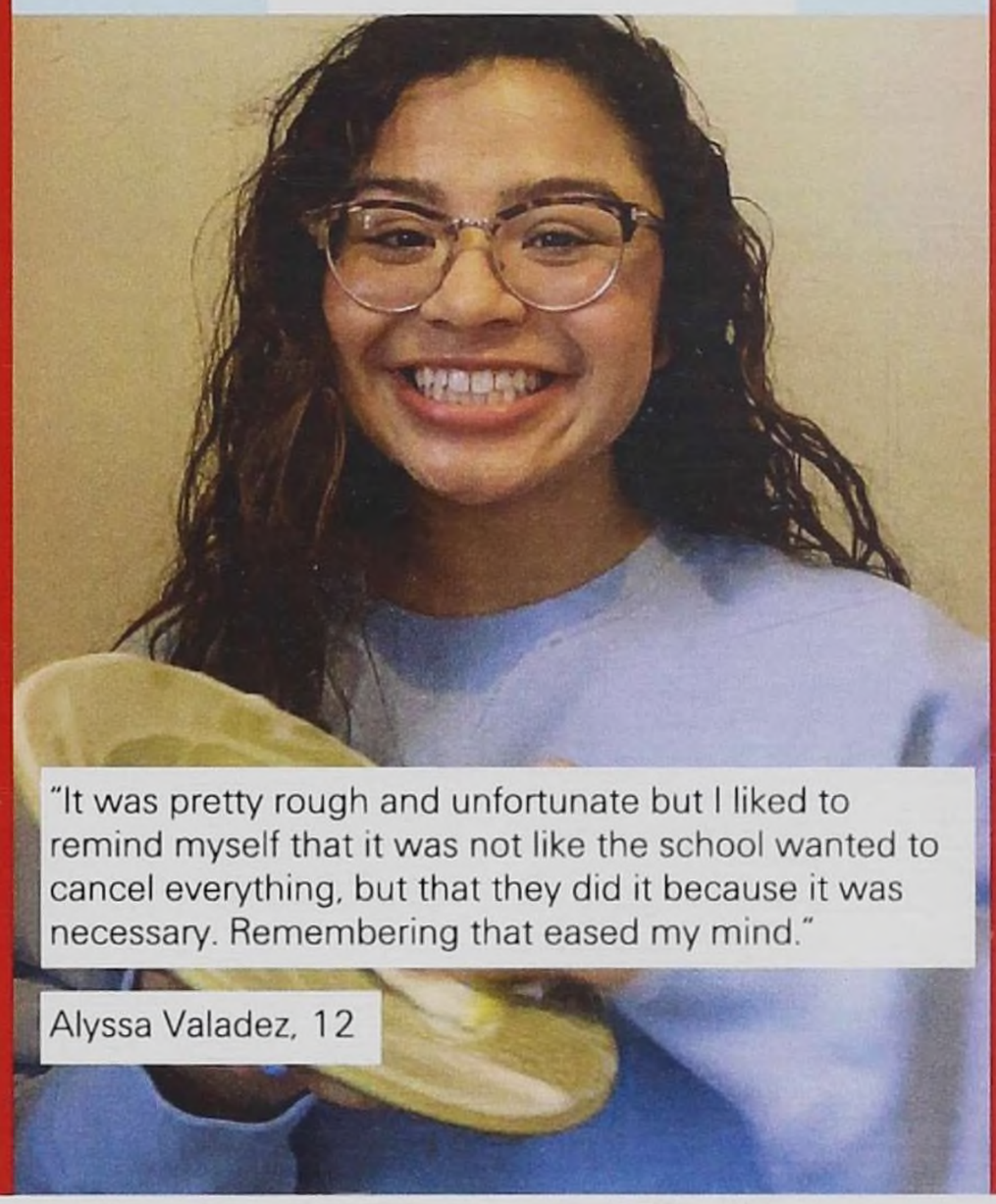
Kyle Kaufman, 12

Adam Klaich
Senior

"In general, it was awful, but I did enjoy the opportunity to slow down and have time to myself. I missed my friends and everyone, but it was nice being able to relax and soak up home life before I went to college."

Adam Klaich, 12

Alyssa Valadez
Senior



"It was pretty rough and unfortunate but I liked to remind myself that it was not like the school wanted to cancel everything, but that they did it because it was necessary. Remembering that eased my mind."

Alyssa Valadez, 12

Clara Terry
Senior

"It was sad to see everything we had been working towards be taken away from us. I missed making memories in my last season of track, taking pictures for prom and celebrating everyone's successes at the awards banquet."

Clara Terry, 12

SENIOR YEAR
REDEFINE IT

Many teenagers dream of finally walking at graduation, accepting their diploma and saying goodbye to their high school experience. This includes saying goodbye to all of their past teachers. It inspires a new bond with the peers who brought laughter, tears, drama and growth into those seniors' lives. It involves their education, which came with newfound knowledge, unavoidable stress, late-night studying and new opportunities for the future.

While they missed so many of these things, the seniors continued to persist and redefine their new world.

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Colophon

Due to social distancing limitations, staffers had to create the 2020 spring supplement completely online. Spreads were built using Herff Jones eDesign. Interviews were mainly conducted through social media and email. Some photos were taken by staff photographers, but many were submitted by students. Since Crier would not be able to publish again in person, Paragon decided to split their supplement with them. To check up on each other's lives and progress, all staffers working on the supplement met via Zoom calls up to three times a week. Both staffs had to redefine their work process to be able to create a great supplement during a truly trying time.

Pandemic pics

What happened to the yearbook staff when the world shut down?

"Mario"
Demetrios Fotopoulos, 11

"Movies"
Mia Terek, 11

"Walks"
Chloe Lambert, 12

"Polaroids"
Ms. Sarah-Anne Lanman, adviser

"Cooking"
Vanessa Situ, 11

"Art"
Leila Damianos, 12

"Sisters"
Zahrya Grimes, 11

"Netflix"
Priscilla Gallardo, 11

"Puzzles"
Angela Ortega, 12

"Dog"
Marley Anderson, 10

"Shopping"
Zach Tucker, 10

"Exercising"
Riley Ramirez, 10

"Decorate"
Alyssa Lebron, 11

"Painting"
Lucy Torres, 12

Donkey-hoté

The tale of a pub piñata

"On March 12 when we sent in our final proofs for the main book, we planned to have a piñata party the next week. Sadly, the party was canceled because of quarantine. After that, the piñata stayed at home with me. Evanthia Fotopoulos, WWMS eighth grader and my sister, even named him Earl."

Demetrios Fotopoulos, 11

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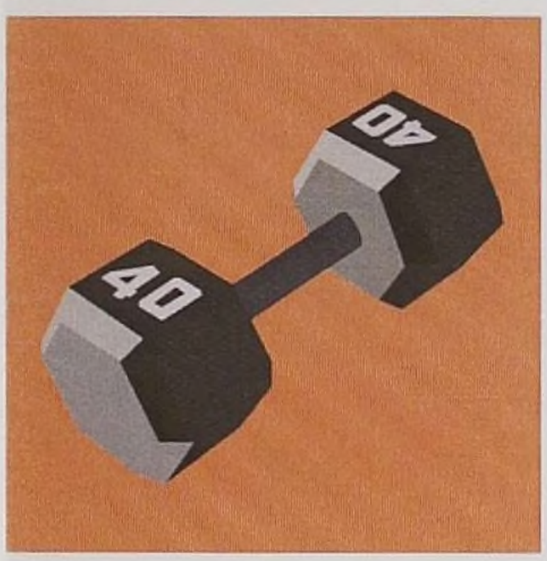
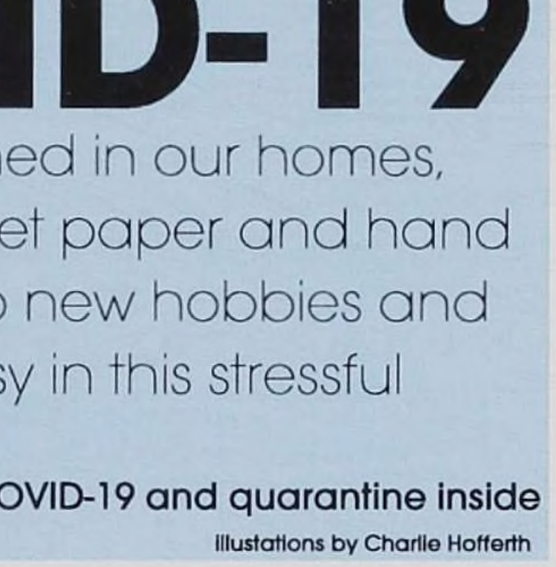
Living day to day through COVID-19

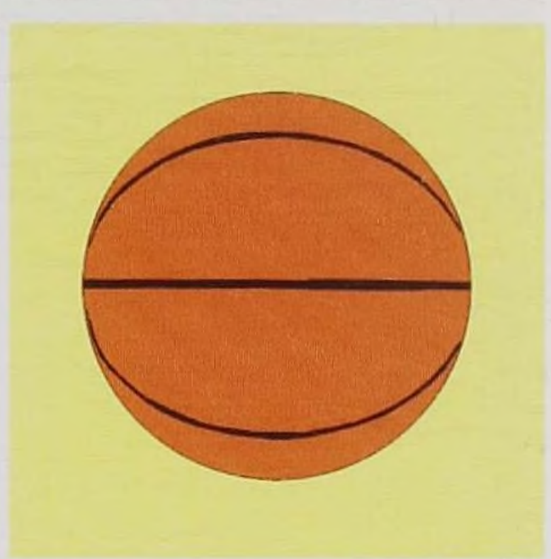
As we are quarantined in our homes, struggling to find toilet paper and hand sanitizer, we develop new hobbies and find ways to stay busy in this stressful time of our lives.

More coverage of COVID-19 and quarantine inside

Illustations by Charlie Hofferth







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Ahead of the curve

Teachers and students explain eLearning differences for subjects

Lilia Brunetti
Design Editor

In a matter of 48 hours, students, teachers and administrators switched gears from the certainty of seeing each other daily to gradually becoming separated through screens. With the Governor Eric Holcomb's cancellation of in-person classes for the entirety of the semester, eLearning is now a permanent system that has been and will continue to be constantly evolving to suit students' needs. From March 13 to April 2, both teachers and administration faced the challenge of constructing an eLearning system that previously ceased to exist, nor had been put in long-term practice.

Over the past month, the eLearning structure has become a collage of versatility with lessons spanning across numerous platforms. Between Blackboard Learn to Zoom to Mastery Manager, teachers have been trying to master the most effective way to ensure a quality education for their students. In the midst of this confusion, each individual department has had to tailor their lessons specific to the needs of their subject.

English

The English Department's struggle through eLearning has been alleviated through the vast availability of resources online, but teachers have considered the current circumstances, according to Mr. Thomas Barnes, English Department Chair.

"I have been trying to allow for late work and making sure there are ways for students to find assistance," Mr. Barnes said. "Audiobooks, videos and other websites are helpful in trying to create a diverse educational experience."

For English students, day-to-day assignments are typically writing assignments on Blackboard or discussion questions. Teachers have allowed flexibility with their due dates, according to Annie Foreit, senior and AP Composition student.

"I definitely do not feel overwhelmed by my (daily) work for AP Comp," Annie said. "I think Mr. (Steven) Stepnoski has done a really good job of giving us a few days to complete each assignment."

To gage his workload and provide learning opportunities for his students, Mr. Benjamin Boruff, Creative Writing and English 10 teacher, has utilized the platforms SurveyMonkey and Google Docs.

"I have sent out multiple surveys to my students requesting feedback," Mr. Boruff said. "My Creative Writing class regularly adds journal entries to a 'Literature of Witness' Google Doc that I created. It is designed to be a somewhat unfiltered journal for their thoughts on quarantine, eLearning and life in general."

Though students are not able to receive the essential in-person collaboration for group work, students are still faced with projects from the beginning of the semester. In particular, AP Composition students are asked to complete their Capstone Research Report, according to Annie.

"The Capstone project has definitely been stressful," Annie said. "It's a very demanding project and I know under these circumstances it won't be as good as it would've been. But, I think our group has made the most of what we have available to us."

Science

Science is a unique subject, requiring a combination of hands-on learning and an unspoken teacher-student communication specific to the classroom, according to Mr. Keith Koszut, Science Department Chair.

"As far as challenges, I do think that science may have some particular difficulty with teaching actual day-to-day content," Mr. Koszut said. "Science can be abstract, and teachers need to be able to pick up on a classroom's dead silence, or furrowed brows on students' faces to know when things aren't getting across."

In place of this, teachers have adjusted their lesson plans to address sciences' dependence on in-person collaboration.

"Science teachers, in trying to make for some interesting content, have been using videos and virtual labs," Mr. Koszut said. "In Physics 1, I am trying to get to a point where my students are ready for a pretty cool circuit simulator on a website called PhET."

Though students have numerous resources on-hand, learning solely over technology is not a viable replacement, Mr. Koszut believes.

"Support is definitely there," Mr. Koszut said. "This is pretty new to all of us. I think it is clear that eLearning can never be as good as what we normally do. But that isn't education. The education is suffering."

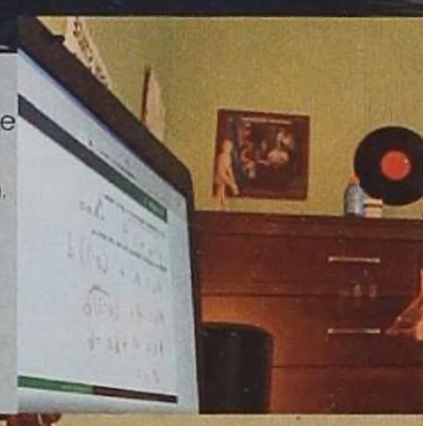
Math

Though a sharp transition from in-class lectures to pure online instruction exists, the Math Department's adaptation to eLearning has not been as difficult as that of other departments. Math teachers' curriculum heavily integrates online aspects, according to Mrs. Katie Harris, Math Department Chair.

"Unlike some other departments, many of our courses have built-in online assessment tools, like ALEKS or MathxL, which helps students receive feedback for their work and ask for help as needed," Mrs. Harris said.

Without in-class administration of homework, quizzes, and exams, there is an overarching concern about assessment security.

"One of the biggest challenges is creating fair assignments and assessments within the online environment," Mrs. Harris said. "I myself asked my Algebra 1 students to create videos of themselves summarizing the lessons I created, or to explain a concept step-by-step in words on video."



YOU DO THE MATH AP Calculus BC students partake in a weekly zoom call in preparation for the AP exam.

BACK ON TRACK eLearning has become a daily routine for students, including Leah Nozick, sophomore.

FINE TUNED In front of her screen, Amelia Konstantinopoulos, sophomore, plays her cello for orchestra. Video performances are one of the many ways music teachers have adapted to eLearning. "It is a little harder to get a feel for all the pieces because we are mostly working solo and cannot hear other sections that well," Amelia said.

Arts & exceptional needs

Departmental breakdown of Specials and Electives

Foreign Language

"I've sent video messages to birthday kids (and) set up Zoom meetings just to say 'Hola'. I post yoga and meditation videos to help with anxiety and send positive BB (Black Board) email messages that both remind them to turn work in but also to say 'I believe in you!' I always try to keep in mind that I have no real clue how anyone is dealing with this major trauma; I try to be kind and offer as much leniency and grace as I can for people. I really only care about my students and their families being ok, the academics are more secondary now."

- Mrs. Jennifer Dettlo
Spanish teacher

graphic by Lana Salahieh

Music Department

ON KEY In lieu of face-to-face contact, Mrs. Speranza, orchestra director, utilizes SmartMusic.

"Not being able to rehearse and perform as a big group is really upsetting. We don't get to make music together. Our classes are really team classes. We work together every day, and now having to do things individually isn't as satisfying."

- Mrs. Bridget Speranza
Music Department Chair

"It's been an interesting transition, because choir is so much about sharing a space and listening to each other."

- Mira Costello
Junior and Chorale student

Exceptional Needs

"Considering we are in uncharted waters in our history, we are all taking this one day at a time and communicating what state and federal authorities have released as soon as we are privy to the information. In a time when levels of anxiety are sky-rocketing, we wish we could do more to be able to support students, families and staff who are most vulnerable. Many families have expressed feeling overwhelmed with having children at home, while parents and caregivers still have to work. We are trying everything we can to support everyone through this process of continuous learning."

- Mrs. Jo Cvitkovich,
Director of Exceptional Needs

Art

"I am very invested in (my students) well-being and success. From my (2D Art) students, who receive regular updates on their progress and videos to assist them; to my Drawing students who have discussions with me on Social Responsibility in Art and Propaganda; to the Painting classes experimenting with media and subject-matter. Creating and developing a personal style after researching professional's and Master's works; to the Pre-AP and AP Portfolio classes who have been with me three or four years, every day, until now."

- Mrs. Elena Lopez
Specials Department Chair

Social Studies

Dependent upon in-depth lectures and commentary, the Social Studies Department has been utilizing technology to mimic in-class discussions and share opinions.

"Social studies classes are content-laden classes rather than skill-laden, so it requires a new approach in disseminating information as well as what content to eliminate with the shortened time we have to educate students," Mr. Don Fortner, Social Studies Department chair, said.

Though apart physically, technology is allowing educators from across the country to collaborate and exchange ideas moving forward.

"I have met in Zoom meetings with Economics teachers across the state in addressing how we would instruct with eLearning," Mr. Fortner said. "In addition, I have participated in several webinars in addressing curriculum concerns and issues for Social Studies as well as Economics."

At the moment, discussion boards and online PowerPoint notes have been dominating social studies classes, according to Caeden Taylor, junior and AP U.S. History student.

"We have a lot less 'hand holding' through lessons," Caeden said. "On a daily basis, we have one discussion question pertaining to the chapter that we answer with our own opinion and analysis. Afterwards, there are notes online and assigned readings."

Though students are left at home to do their work, a heavy workload still persists. Despite this, Caeden believes the end result will ultimately outweigh hard work.

"E-learning for APUSH (AP U.S. History) is definitely one of the hardest parts in my day," Caeden said. "However, it's comforting knowing that we will be well ahead of our peers in other schools' APUSH classes with our rigorous schedule."

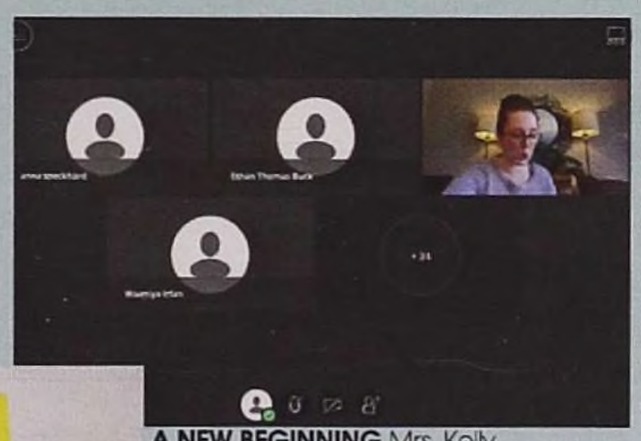
Putting it to the test

Students react to the effects of eLearning on testing

Atarah Israel
Copy Editor

During this time of uncertainty, a common outlet for many teenagers has been creating memes about the difficulties and shortcomings eLearning has created. Despite the lighthearted nature of these posts, they reflect the daunting struggle faced by students and teachers alike. Whether it be the adjustments made to AP testing this year or the barriers that must be met with in-school tests, the sudden cancellation of the school year has thrust students into an unfamiliar domain.

"I'm not a fan of testing procedures right now," Cynthia Chockalingam, junior, said. "Teachers have been asked to use Exam Login for Mastery Manager, and a lot of them are using Lockdown browsers. The problem with this is on the exam safe browser you can't access other sites, inherently perpetuating the effects of wealth gap. Now more wealthy students with access to other laptops and technology can look stuff up, while those who don't, can't."



A NEW BEGINNING Mrs. Kelly Barnes, English teacher, hosts a Blackboard Collaborate meeting with members of her AP Literature class.

photos by Lana Salahieh and Madi Green

With finals coming up, projects and other "non-exam" assignments appear to be the only reasonable option for students, but some question its viability.

"I have a bit of a problem with finals this year," George Dimopoulos senior, said. "Many teachers teach their classes based off of memorization, but that is now out the window for finals as people can simply look up the answers. This forces teachers to scramble and come up with a new form of their final, which may not justify properly what the kids have learned in their classes."

A whirlwind of events in these past months have led to the development of eLearning, and the adjustments that must be made by students here is a testament to the diligence and maturity needed during this time, according to Carina Crisan, junior.

"While it may be easier to get higher grades now, future grades will most likely expose whether students properly built up their learning foundation over these months at home or not," Carina said. "This situation gives students increased independence when it comes to their learning, and it is important for all of us to reflect on how to use this time in order to grow."

Young and essential

Interviews with students working throughout this pandemic

Mercedez Williams, Gage Hoekstra, Anthony Young
Executive Editor, Page Editor, Photographer

Ever since school was canceled in March, many students have used their newfound freedom to sleep in daily. However, there are still some students who have to wake up and go to work. These students are serving as some of the essential workers not only of our community, but of the entire nation.

Those students who chose to continue working were forced to weigh the pros and cons of their decisions, including the consideration of exposing themselves to a serious health risk.

Ariana Piña, senior and early graduate, Nursing Assistant

photo provided by Ariana Piña

ON THE FRONT LINE Dressed in her nursing attire, Ariana Piña, senior, early graduate, poses for a photo sporting her decorated face mask.

Did you consider not working? What are some of the pros and cons of working?

"At first, I was nervous but I knew it was my calling to help people and this is the perfect time to. A pro would be seeing how much you can change a person's life by being that person they can lean on. A con would be that you are risking your health everyday but in the end you're making a difference in the patient's life so it's worth every second."

To essential workers,

Without you, our community and country would not be able to function. Normally overlooked by society, you have risked your lives to help others live with some form of normalcy. Without you, life would be a lot harder.

Thank you, essential workers

Josh Zatorski, senior and Amazon Warehouse Worker

Photo by Anthony Young

STICK TO THE STUFF YOU KNOW Used to working and being active, Josh Zatorski, senior, dresses in his working attire for Amazon.

Did you consider not working? What are some of the pros and cons of working?

"I did not consider not working because I have had a job since I was 10 years old and cannot stand when I have free time. Pros of working are that I don't have any free time and I earn money to pay for my education and some. I am working full time so the cons are that I have a high(er) chance of getting the virus since I work in Cook County, and there are 14,000 cases there and growing, also I do not see my parents much. Originally my mom was against it until I said either way I'm doing it and I got the proper mask. My dad didn't care and was for it."

Nicole Baginski, senior and Kitaro Worker

Photo provided by Nicole Baginski

SERVING THE COMMUNITY Although there is no more dining in with restaurants, Nicole Baginski, senior, still stays safe in case of pickup order.

What are some of the pros and cons of working?

"There's definitely a difference than before the pandemic. Now all of our orders are to-go and we can't have anyone dine in at all. Seeing the entire restaurant empty breaks my heart."

Editorial

Class of 2020 Strong

cartoon by Mercedez Williams

With the COVID-19 pandemic worsening, we have seen every cancellation coming. That does not make it feel any better when the phone call comes announcing that there will be no physical graduation, the cherry on top to everything else that has been canceled.

There is not much to say that has not been said already. We are the Class of 2020 and we know that our hard work and successes are appreciated regardless. We know that we have our memories over the past four years. We know that this virtual graduation still is a graduation, and should be celebrated.

We know that nothing more can be done. We know it's a bad situation for everyone. We know that we are a part of history.

We know, yet it still sucks. It sucks not having a final goodbye. A final send off before everyone goes their separate ways to succeed and live after high school. It sucks going to school for 13 years, and not getting this event that you were promised. It sucks, yet we will overcome it.

We are the Class of 2020, and we are strong. We will adapt to the situation, and thrive. We are a class that will make the most of the situation and celebrate our accomplishments no matter what ceremony we get. We are flexible and understanding of the circumstances. We are thankful for the opportunities we have been given over the past four years. We recognize each other's achievements and show pride in what our peers have done and will do in the future.

We still have each other. While we cannot end the school year together or graduate together, we will always share the bond of living through this pandemic during a vital part of our lives. We will always be Class of 2020, standing together, strong.

Editorial

Dear Munster High School,

I know we don't always get along, but can you blame us? You, Munster High School, have the ability to make our life awful with your testing weeks after testing weeks, sitting at a desk all day, too early start times, sprinting to class, 45 minute notes, dress code, obnoxious people, required classes, participation points, bathroom passes, overcrowded hallways, no eating, ugly tiles, group projects, no talking, ugly carpet, tardies, homework, dismissals, headaches, and essays.

Again, can you really blame us?

March 13, 2020. A day that was insignificant at the time, but would end up being the last day of the school year, and for some of us, the last day of high school. The passing period before 8th hour was intense and peculiar. The halls filled with chatter, laughter and celebration as word got around that we were going to be out of school for the next month. The energy was vibrant and indescribable, but also a little tense for the future. It truly resembled the last day of school, but little did we know how true this would be.

So here we are, so many weeks later. We are way over this "corona break" and eager to get back to school. eLearning just isn't it, the lack of socialization is driving us mad, and helping us realize that hey, MHS, maybe you weren't that bad.

You stressed us out, but also gave us joy. From the pride of passing impossible tests and the flippancy in failing them. Laughing at the class clown and participating in AP Psych review games. Taking study hall naps, talking with friends in the lunchroom, getting class sweatshirts, acting out Shakespeare plays. making connections with peers, teachers, and staff.

The school year comes to an anticlimactic end, and we sit in our separate homes only communicating over discussion board posts and Zoom meetings. We listen to messages and read emails of cancellations. We regret not thanking all teachers for their hard work. We regret taking high school for granted. We await virtual graduation, missing out on a final goodbye.

With the future unknown and life unrecognizable, there is one thing for sure. MHS, we miss you and we hope to see you again very soon.

Sincerely,

The MHS student body

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True colors

Opinion by Lauren Morris

Responsibilization. When I first saw this word I thought it was made up. With more digging into its true definition, I found that it is something very real that we need to practice during this pandemic. Filtering through its roots in government and politics it simply means acting responsibly in a time when the government cannot make you.

However, another word has rose during this time of chaos and fear. Selfishness. What does selfishness look like today? Hoarding food. Stockpiling toilet paper or other sanitary products. Ignoring "social distancing." Simply going on that vacation that you may have planned weeks in advance. Many of us can find ourselves in at least one of these situations. But why? There could be a million excuses why we choose to fend for ourselves instead of our neighbor during this pandemic. None of these however, justify an elderly member of society not being able to find a simple roll of toilet paper, a family not being able to purchase a gallon of milk for their children, or how fast the virus has spread.

According to Vox on March 26, the U.S reached number one in the amount of confirmed COVID-19 cases. I believe that each one of us is responsible, but there is power in our actions. If we look out for each other and obey social distancing. If we only take two food products instead of five, we will be helping on a national scale. It is so easy to get caught up in our own losses and fears, that we lose sight of comfort in knowing you are not the only person going through these trying times and find joy in caring for others through your actions. Today, when it is so easy to be selfish, those who lead a selfless lifestyle are the ones we must strive to resemble. In the words of Billie Eilish, "Don't panic, but also don't be stupid."

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The 3.5 percent

Opinion by Alison Lee

We have entered a new age in history. This new age, Anthropocene, which began in the 1950s, is the new era marked by man's destruction of the Earth. Man has been drastically altering the Earth to the point of permanent damage, what with the climate change crisis and mass destruction of the environment. However, hope is kindled when the world saw signs of the Earth recuperating during this COVID-19 global quarantine.

News outlets and social media are posting pictures of clearer waters in Venice, dolphins returning to beaches and seeing the Himalayas for the first time in years due to increased air quality. Videos plaster the internet of penguins wandering the streets as well as before and after comparisons of air quality in cities. Many express astonishment that the Earth is recuperating so fast just from a lower level of gaseous emissions. However, these occurrences are only temporary.

Lack of foot traffic does not mean cleaning the environment. Animals returning to the streets does not mean nature is healing. Once quarantine ends, gaseous emissions will skyrocket back to its original position, covering up whatever advancements that occurred during this global quarantine.

The world must not return to its status quo. The world must not go back to "normal" once quarantine ends. This quarantine should serve as a lesson for the entire world: what we have been doing is not fine.

Although civilian foot traffic is a large contributor towards climate change, massive industries with large scale operations are the biggest contributors towards climate change. Large industrial operations often require continuous transportation of materials, deforestation for land, daily emissions from factories, tons of waste dumped in water, trash filling up the landfills or the ocean and fuel to keep all these operations going. In fact, The Guardian exposed twenty companies contributing as much as 35 percent of all carbon dioxide and methane emissions since 1965. Massive industries with large-scale pollution are the real problem.

> "History has shown that when only 3.5 percent of the population actively advocates change, it ensures success."

The Earth cannot heal permanently simply from a few weeks of decreased emissions. To have permanent healing, we must create permanent change to the structure of our world. Stricter regulations on the environment must become a priority, protection of coral reefs is a must, greener alternatives are a necessity, and awareness is key. According to an article by BBC, history has shown that when only 3.5 percent of the population actively advocates change, it ensures success. But imagine the chances of success if the numbers swelled above 3.5 percent.

There is one difference between this global pandemic and climate change. Fear. Equally dangerous, however only one is undergoing an mass effort to remediate the effects. Awareness must be created to let the world know that this climate crisis is not one to be ignored. We cannot go about our day, ignoring this crisis.

The world has already given us the key to fight climate change. We have just been destroying it. It is money that has caused companies and business owners to overlook this crisis. Lack of education has lulled the change that must happen.

You must join this movement to ensure this 3.5 percent comes alive. This is a crisis that will permanently damage future generation's lives. It has already been hurting us. Only when people actively promote and fight for change, will change happen.

Lets start a new era, one that is marked down in history where man collectively came together as one to fight for the future, and their home.

Helpful hands

Opinion by Alexis Perez

Nurses around the world are not getting as much credit as they rightfully deserve. Some people do not understand that nurses and any other health care personnel risk their own lives and the lives of their closest friends or family. My mother, the mother of three kids, goes into Community Hospital and risks her life every week. She is exposed to the risk of COVID-19 every time she goes into work and still manages to come home safe. My mother removes her scrubs before she enters the house due to the fear of bringing the illness from the hospital into the house. She then takes a shower, then, she would take her temperature before touching us. She tries to be very cautious about what we do or who we are around, especially since I have divorced parents. Due to this, if it ever got critical at the hospital, she would want me and my siblings to go to my dads and allow her to isolate for a week.

The nurses are always the ones to comfort the sick, be there in the toughest and lowest of times of those being treated, but also the only ones who call the family members, wives, husbands and maybe even be the person when the patient has no one. My mom has to call the family members of the patient she has. It is also very hard for m mom and nurses in general when people do no obey social distancing. This could continue if w don't try to contain it and that means my mom an other nurses will have to continue being scare with the threat of giving it to the ones they love th most.

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My mom has put herself on the line to hel people who are sick and want to go home to thei families. Nurses around the world want to go hom to their families as well safe with no threat. Nurse are doing their part. It is time for you to do yours.

What's trending in #isolation

Students participate in social media trends and challenges

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With everyone stuck at home for quarantine, teenagers have been turning to social media for entertainment. Everything social media, from niche bingo topics on Snapchat stories to live YouTube concerts, have taken the past few months by storm.

"I check Twitter constantly. I downloaded Facebook to connect with my college classmates and find roommates," Amanada Beaudouin, senior, said. "I use Snap(chat) to text my friends and Instagram to connect with my college, college friends and MHS friends."

Every other day, new challenges are popping up for everyone to participate.

"I've done some of the 'One song a day' challenges on Instagram," Sammy Sellers, junior, said. "Other than that I've just been a lot more active on social media in general cause I have nothing else to do and it's how I communicate with my friends."

25.5 percent of students have participated in a viral trend

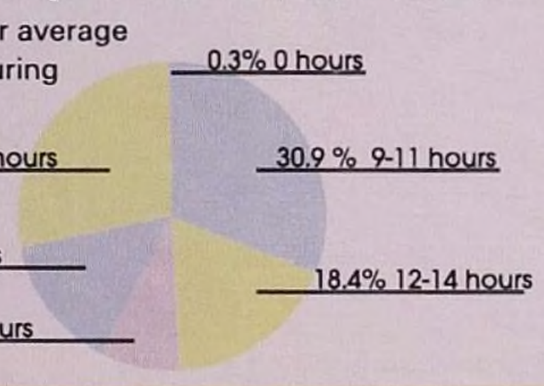
47.8 percent of students have not participated in a viral trend, but know someone who has

26.7 percent of students have not participated in a viral trend

Screen statistics

Results from a Google Forms of 377 people from April 16 to May 11

What was your average screen time during quarantine



Favorite streaming platforms during quarantine:
65.3% Netflix 11.6% Disney+ 8.3% Hulu

Favorite video communication programs:
49.9% Facetime 29.1% Zoom 10.2% Houseparty

30-Day Song Challenge

Each day is a different prompt for a song of your choice.

"Even for people who don't do challenges, it is a way to listen to new music and pass time. Music is great to turn to in times like this. For those who do the challenges, I found it fun to search up songs and even remember songs that I have forgotten about."

- Michael Dywan
senior

Day 3: A song about summer time
Song: Caroline by Anime

- Jeff Hemmelgarn
senior

Day 28: A song by an artist whose voice you love
Song: The Clay by The Garden

- Mia Terek
junior

Until tomorrow...

Antonia Linnane talks Until Tomorrow Instagram trend

photos provided by Antonia Linnane

"Instead of posting a typical 'perfected' picture on your main Instagram, you posted a few or many photos that are more candid or funny of yourself. I took part in it because I was bored in quarantine and thought it was fun to make my main Instagram feel more casual rather than perfect."

- Antonia Linanne
senior

Bill Clinton's Records Challenge

People nominate each other to go a website and have Bill Clinton present their four favorite albums.

Albums:
Eternal Atake
Astroworld
We Love You Tecca
Luv is Range 2

- Damian Unzueta
sophomore

JAMMING OUT The trends show Bill Clinton holding up albums that he obviously doesn't listen to, adding a humorous aspect to the trend.

What to watch

Favorite shows to watch during quarantine

"Outerbanks and Dead to Me"
- Meg Westland
freshman

"Survivor"
- Brendan Budeselich
freshman

"Criminal Minds"
- Paige Vukadinovich
sophomore

"Rick and Morty"
- Jari Warner
sophomore

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IT'S NOT JUST A NAME

Students share experiences with xenophobia stemming from COVID-19

STORY BY ALISON LEE
DESIGN BY CHARLIE HOFFERTH

The spanish Influenza. German measles. Chinese virus. Misnaming a disease to transfer the blame to another ethnicity is not unknown in history. Yet, not one disease is labeled "American."

A term first coined by President Trump, "Chinese virus," has spiked xenophobia towards Asians. From something as simple as avoiding Asians specifically, to something as extreme as physical attacks.

"One of my cousins lives in California, and for the past few weeks, they haven't been able to get groceries because their local Asian grocery store was being protested against by all these Asian hate groups," Emily Sun, sophomore, said. "They have to order their groceries to their house."

Hate crime towards Asians has accelerated with the rise of COVID-19, and fear has only fed it. In Lake County, the number of those infected climbs to rival that of Indianapolis. Such fear has extended to local verbal assaults.

"The last day of school I was just walking home. There were kids pointing at me saying 'Coronavirus,'" Nhi Nguyen, sophomore, said. "But the bad part was the parents joined in sometimes."

Racism is not limited to the extremities of physical violence or verbal slurs. The most common racism is one that has been normalized: microaggression. Microaggression is subtle, casual discrimination that still impacts people greatly. For Asians, it has taken the form of intentionally walking away or glaring from a distance.

"People don't really say anything to you, but it's just the way that they look at you," Emily said. "You can feel that they're projecting bias towards you in a way that shouldn't be happening."

Xenophobia towards Asians generally have the excuse of "starting in China." The stereotypes of Asians eating dogs and other exotic animals only fueled the hate and fear. However, countless news reports have shown that the majority of the Asian population have never eaten dog meat, and several are protesting against this practice. Despite this, people still exhibit hatred and blame towards the entire Asian race.

"I think if you don't blame it on anyone else, and if you can't blame it on yourself, because you don't want to blame yourself for anything, you project your hate and your anger towards something else," Emily said. "We're all frustrated in this time period. We're all stuck in quarantine, and we all have to be projecting that emotion somewhere. Asians are kind of the 'perfect place' for them to target."

Racism has existed for hundreds of years, and tension between different skin colors has not faded away.

"I feel like it's all wrong because I'm not saying that white people don't experience racism, but I feel like they don't get oppressed. So you can't really say they experience it," Rita Zheng, freshman, said. "But we minorities also are racist to each other if you think about it. So I don't think they should be the only ones to be blamed for."

Racism exists in all forms, and the perpetrators take all forms. But why does racism exist? Why are looks so important to society? How has this mindset lasted for hundreds of years?

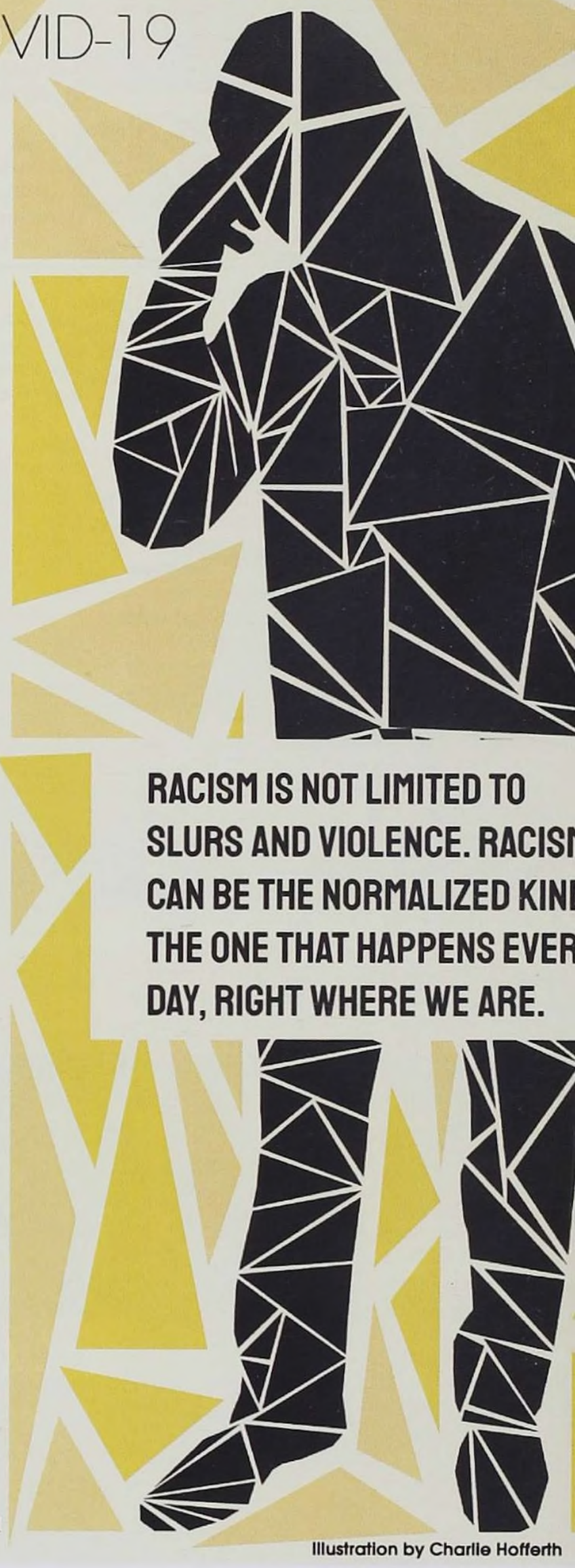
"As long as differences exist, racism is going to exist," Isaiah Kim, sophomore, said. "If we want to get rid of racism then get rid of the difference, but that is taking away what's unique and what's culturally different. You're taking away everything that makes the other races unique. So you don't want to do that. But as long as the differences exist, racism is going to exist. I don't want to be a pessimist, but racism isn't going to go away. At least not in the near future."

Racism has lessened in extremity throughout history, but it has yet to fully disappear. Throughout the decades, with new integrative laws, punishments for mistreatment and protests for equal rights, acceptance has slowly but surely become more common.

"(There's a) psychology term called the jigsaw," Ubin Kim, junior, said. "It's where you mix up a bunch of the races. And then the more you have the interactions with said racists and the different races, you start to understand them more, and then you are less racist towards them because you're educated."

Understanding one another is vital to lessen misconceptions and discrimination. Sadly, pointing the finger of blame by tying the blame to other ethnicities has been an ever present conflict throughout history. The Spanish Flu did not originate in Spain, as the name misleads. Rather, it was the only country who freely covered it during World War I. German measles contains no ties to Germany other than physicians residing in that country were the first to identify it. Chinese virus is not just a name. It's more than that. It's an excuse that encourages blame towards a group of people, leading to violent consequences.

"We shouldn't hate on the culture just for the culture," Emily said. "It's the individual behind that. That's what really matters."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CONCLUDING BREAKING

The Crier staff's intentions with this series

THE SILENCE

A FOUR PART SERIES ON RACE: PART FOUR

OPINION BY ERIANNA SIMS
PAGE EDITOR

Racism lives amongst us all, whether we acknowledge it or not. This derogatory belief encourages discrimination towards people of different races, due to the assumption that one race is more superior than another. Racism promotes the idea that each race is confined to certain behavioral traits or physical appearances which help denote whether they are superior or inferior to one another. There are a multitude of different forms of racism, each generating distasteful impressions that in many cases are never forgotten. People who have experienced racism carry those memories and remember those interactions for the rest of their lives. In many cases, their experiences with racism change their lives forever.

As a staff, one of our biggest intentions was to simply introduce a platform that allowed students and staff to be more open with discussing the topic of race. Confronting such a critical issue that affects us locally and globally, was a new challenge that we felt was worth pursuing. Race will continue to be a topic of great significance for years to come, but our ability to come together and find solutions can bring about change in how we approach race in the future. This series, "Breaking the Silence," was created to bring attention to some of the serious racial issues that plague our everyday lives. It was our way of bringing about a change to the topic of race. Educating ourselves on this sensitive and complicated subject can lead to a drastic change in how we handle situations involving race. We can even help prevent these distasteful occurrences from happening.

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Attempting to create environments where everyone is treated equally and never discouraged because of the color of their skin is a tremendous step in the right direction. Our skin colors are one of many differences we possess, and these differences do not validate discrimination or superiority. Race does not determine intelligence, beauty, personality, or any other trait. Telling people they 'act like a certain race' is belittling and hurtful. The stigma around multiple races sharing the same qualities is simply a branch of deep rooted ideals racism has planted in us. Finding ways to eliminate these branches of racism will help alleviate the negativity and hatred that creates racial issues. "Breaking the Silence" was one step in the right direction. To truly make a difference we need to destroy these stigmas, outdated prejudices and cliché norms surrounding race. Doing this will help generate a future where race is not viewed as a disadvantage, but rather an asset.

If you don't take away anything else from this series remember this: our actions and interactions with others are what truly define who we are.

A look back

Summarizing the past installments of "Breaking The Silence"

Part two:
Published 12/13/19
Students talk about the effect of casual racism and discuss the difference between a joke and a microaggression.

Part one:
Published 11/1/19
A look into the history of race in Munster and accommodations the school has made analyzing why we are afraid to talk about race.

Part three:
Published 2/14/20
One staff column and two guest columns talking about personal experiences with race and racism.

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(From left to right) **IN FULL SWING** At a game on April 8, 2019, Daija Williams, senior, stands in the batter's box, awaiting a pitch."I have been playing this sport since I was eight years old," Williams said. "I am very blessed to say that I am playing this sport in college. I was offered a scholarship by the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and I am very excited to continue my softball career." **UP TO PAR** Last season at golf practice, DJ Fesko, senior, practices on the course. **IN THE BALL PARK** In preparation for the season, Costa Sirounis, senior, winds up to throw the ball at practice on March 4. With the cancellation of school, the baseball team would not get to play a games this season.

photos by Todd McKechnie and Vanessa Situ

Putting it in retrospect

Q&A with senior athletes about canceled seasons and reactions

Erianna Sims and Lana Salahieh
Page Editor and Chief Photographer

Boys' Golf

DJ Fesko

Years Played: 2

Q: What was your first reaction when you found out your season was canceled?

A: "I was kind of bummed, but I realized that there were bigger things to worry about, and this was something so trivial in perspective to what has been going on in the world."

Q: What specific team bonding rituals have you done in the past that you'll miss the most?

A: "I'll miss just going out and practicing everyday after school with my teammates and playing 9 holes."

photo by HR Imaging

Softball

Daija Williams

Position: Third Baseman
Years Played: 10

Q: What was your first reaction when you found out your season was canceled?

A: "I was extremely devastated. I immediately thought about how unfair it was. Being one of the seniors on a sports team is something all athletes look forward to and to not have that opportunity breaks my heart."

Q: What has being in this sport taught you?

A: "I have realized that I take many things for granted. At the blink of an eye, everything can be taken away. We go through every day as if we will get another day like that and because of my season being canceled, I will no longer do that."

photo provided by Dajia Williams

Boys' Track and Field

Deven Hawkins

Position: 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x1, 4x4
Years Played: 7

Q: What are some things that you realized as a result of your season getting canceled?
A: "I will never be able to run in indoor State, take another shot at becoming a Sectional or Conference team champion or feel the butterflies I get from being one step away for qualifying for outdoor State at Regionals."

Q: What has being in this sport taught you?
A: "It has taught me how to be a leader, be persistent to reach my goals, how to put mind over matter and gave me a great work ethic."

photo provided Deven Hawkins

Girls' Track and Field

Stephanie Cipowski-Smith

Position: Shot put
Years Played: 5

Q: What part of the season will you miss the most?
A: "I will miss the friendships I made during track the most. Although I took the sport very seriously, I had a lot of friends on the team and we had so much fun together."

Q: What was your first reaction when you found out your season was canceled?
A: "When I initially found out my season was canceled, I was in shock. It was hard to process the fact that I was never going to participate in a track meet again."

photo by Larry Tikak

Girls' Tennis

Maria Delis

Position: 2 Doubles
Years Played: 11

Q: What are some things that you realized as a result of your season getting canceled?
A: "I realized that I won't be playing competitive tennis anymore and that was really hard to take in."

Q: What part of the season will you miss the most?
A: "I will miss the overnighters the most because the girls just make me laugh really hard and I miss hanging out with them."

photo provided by Maria Delis

Baseball

Costa Sirounis

Position: Pitcher, First Baseman
Years Played: 14

Q: What has being in this sport taught you?
A: "Playing baseball has taught me how to stay calm, fully invest in your team to try and accomplish a common goal, and to become a leader in more than just sports."

Q: What are some things that you realized as a result of your season getting canceled?
A: "I realized that as people, we often get caught up in what's next to come in our lives rather than living in the moment and enjoying all aspects of life."

photo provided by Costa Sirounis

Keeping the legacy alive

Athletes reveal what they are doing to stay active during quarantine

"I haven't been incredibly active during this time off, but occasionally I will go for a run just to get some fresh air."

– DJ Fesko

"I run two miles everyday, lift weights, do strength training for an hour and walk or bike three miles in the afternoon."

- Stephanie Cipowski-Smith

"I run at least three miles a day, while doing upper body workouts."

- Deven Hawkins

"I am keeping my season alive by continuing to throw and hit with my dad and other family members of mine."

- Costa Sirounis

"Every day I wake up and go for a run. I then go to the fields and do my own practice. Normally, I can't do much because I am by myself, but I still do what I can to continue to get better."

- Daija Williams

"I get up everyday and workout and I play tennis with my friends usually, but the coronavirus made it so I can't do that. But when we are released I am probably going to be hitting a lot."

- Maria Delis

photo by Chloe Lambert

PUMPED UP Celebrating a victory during a game last season, Viviana Gonzalez, Class of '19, and Mia Adamus, junior, high five

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Grade-by-grade insight on the impact of quarantine

Alexis Lindenamyer and Atarah Israel
Editor-in-Chief and Copy Editor

They call us quarenteens. Teenagers everywhere are staying in their houses, following social distance protocol, taking school online and hating just about all of it. From freshman year to senior year, everyone has a bone to pick with COVID-19. With Indiana schools not resuming physical classes, the 2019-2020 school year takes an anticlimactic bow.

Each class is dealing with different consequences and repercussions, but this pandemic affects everyone. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors alike have been deprived of essential parts of their high school experience. As clubs and events face cancellation after cancellation, and the road ahead unknown, each grade weighs in on what it means to be a high school student during this time.

LAYING IT OUT With school concluding on March 13, all high school students are missing out on end of the year activities. Freshman will not have a last day of their first year of high school, sophomores may be delayed in getting their driver's license, juniors are stuck with canceled tests and virtual AP classes, and seniors are robbed of prom graduation and a last day of high school.

Freshmen

Class of '23 misses out on a lot of the "firsts." First last day of school, first year of playing a spring sport, first high school yearbook. As freshmen, they also must deal with online gym classes.

"The biggest negative is not being able to meet more people because of being stuck at home. I don't know a lot of people as a freshman and it would've helped a little to have these last couple of months."

-Alicia Powell
freshman

"I'm not disappointed in not having a last day, because I know that I have three more years. Plus I think it would be selfish of me considering how all the seniors aren't getting to do so many things that they've always looked forward to."

- Rachel Speckhard
freshman

"I'm not really enjoying gym class since we've started writing essays. I miss interacting with my friends and having adrenaline kick in to win against the opposing team. It is effective if you make the most of it. We are obviously lacking equipment and motivation, but if you make the effort I do believe that it is effective."

-Daniella Nahnsen
freshman

2023 STRONG Most freshmen are done with their gym uniform for good, as they write essays for the class in their homes. Yearbooks will not be out until the fall, depriving freshmen of a high school yearbook until then.

2020 STRONG Sophomore spring athletes will not receive a letter this spring. This means that they may have to wait another full year to letter in high school. On top of that, quarantine temporary closed BMVs and Driver's ED.

Sophomores

Class of '22 may have it easy as they have two more years in the school, yet they are missing out on monumental life events as some athletes miss out on lettering in a spring sport and others cannot get their licenses.

"(I feel) disappointed. Munster Baseball was going to have a big year this year. Unfortunately it was cut short. I feel awful for the seniors."

-Jake Thometz
sophomore

"I feel that I'm lucky as a sophomore. I'm glad that this year won't be my final goodbye and I'll still have the opportunity to participate in extracurriculars and finish out high school."

- Charlie Mason
sophomore

"I haven't turned 16 yet, but I was supposed to get my permit March 28 to stay on track. I'm still not on the roads."

- Anushka Majety
sophomore

Juniors

Class of '23 is pushed into virtual learning at a time where grades matter most. The AP test takes on a virtual format and SAT and ACT tests are canceled.

"Even though we are still getting classwork, I feel like I'm not learning anything. I feel like I'm just going through the motions and checking things off lists because I know I have to. I don't feel like I am actually gaining knowledge in many of my classes.

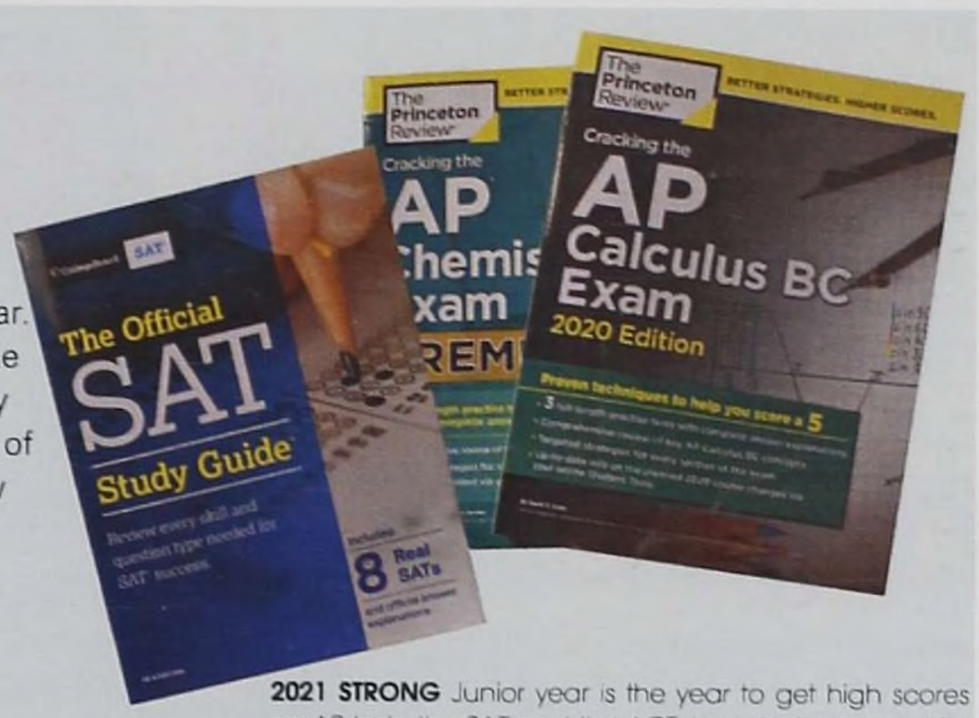
- Anna Speckhard
junior

"I'm currently taking AP US History, AP biology and AP Literature, but I was mainly concerned about poetry on the Lit exam. The new format of the exam is interesting. (It's) more application based, which is understandable as a multiple choice exam would lead to cheating."

- Ashley Nita
junior

"Being a junior, I know that I have one more year. (While) talking with some of my senior friends I (try to) enjoy every moment of it because I do not know what day could be my last."

- Peyton Specht
junior



2021 STRONG Junior year is the year to get high scores on AP tests, the SAT and the ACT, in order to prepare for college applications. AP tests are online, shorter, and all free response. SAT and ACT tests are cancelled to secure the safety of individuals.

2020 STRONG Seniors are missing out on Prom and graduation. There are no current plans to reschedule a prom and graduation is taking place virtually with a car ceremony later in the evening.

Seniors

Cass of '20 gets their senior year cut short without a warning. Prom, senior banquet and the final days are canceled as they await to graduate virtually.

"As a senior it is easy to be pessimistic during these times. It's a very difficult and unfair situation we are in, but I think rather than looking at the negative side of things we should take a look at the positive. We have all made such great memories and friends together and to forget all of that would be doing an injustice to ourselves."

- Roman Garcia
senior

"I remember someone saying in my gov class, 'This feels like the last day of school.' I was so in denial that March 13 could have been our last day. It was disappointing. I was not able to cherish the day with my first few classes of the day because I was unaware it was the last day with my teachers or classmates."

- Clara Terry
-senior

"We came into an America changed by terrorism. We lived through an economic collapse where some people lost everything. We saw the rise of ISIS in 6th grade, and have gone to school in fear of shootings. Now we miss graduation. While memories will be missed, and our lives changed due to something we couldn't control, we'll look back at our online graduation realizing that our generation is stronger because of it, and the trials we've been through."

- Adian Chism
senior

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Creativity to cure boredom

A gallery of creative products produced by students' quarantine creativity

Adam Klaich and Robert Young
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Avery McKnight

junior

THESE SHOES WERE MADE FOR PAINTING With a handful of time and a couple pairs of white Vans, Avery has found herself painting the white canvas shoes with bright colors and abstract designs. When finished with a pair of shoes, she will sell them to someone looking to put a bit of color in their step in Munster or around the country. "I love to paint and it's an easy way to make money at home," Avery said. "I promote what I do on social media (Snapchat, Instagram, and TikTok)."

Salma Khani

sophomore

BRUSHING THROUGH QUARENTINE With her free time, Salma has been painting various pictures to give to her family and friends or hang on her walls. She is self taught and paints for her own enjoyment. "For me, it lets me disconnect from the rest of the world and focus on something that gives me peace," Salma said. "I'm taking a blank canvas and just letting my mind create whatever it wants. I don't really plan what I'm going to paint, I just let it unfold and that takes me to a different place."

Katie Hemingway

junior

IT'S IN THE JEANS As a student involved in Mrs. Elena Lopez's art classes, Katie has been creating art for assignments and for fun. Along with her art projects, she has been painting pictures of Munster she takes on her runs and has began to paint fabrics. She recently painted a pair of jeans for her sister, Allie Hemingway (Class of '15), as seen below. "It allows me to zone out and not have to think about anything but what I'm creating at the moment," Katie said. "I think that others should be able to have this sort of feeling especially if theyVe been thinking about becoming more creative."

Ari Arzumanian

junior

ALL ALONG THE CARD TOWER Involved in Munster's music scene, Ari, who also goes by DJ Ari, has been using time to produce new music which is pictured on the right. He also posts comedy skits and has been building large card towers on his TikTok as of late. "We were given such an opportunity with this quarantine in my opinion. Obviously, it's very unfortunate we are on lockdown, but this is when you need to perfect your craft whether it's sports, an instrument, etc.," Ari said. "If you take this time to better yourself and come out of this quarantine with something to show, you're winning."

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BACKTALK: COVID-19 Edition

How are you keeping busy during quarantine?

"I stay busy at home by finding new things to clean and playing Just Dance A LOT."

- Avery Beerling
sophomore

"I am keeping busy by working out, baking, and going out with my brother for bike rides."

- Waaniya Irfan
junior

"Just staying inside, catching up on Netflix movies/shows and sleep, playing board games with my mom."

- Isis Franklin
freshman

"I have been watching lots of movies and facetiming people everyday. I am trying to workout everyday and stay active, and have also been drawing, painting and doing henna."

- Lotus Lazzara
sophomore

"I've been trying to revisit old hobbies. I've gotten back into painting and art in general. I spend a lot more time with my siblings now, as well as helping out around the house."

- Regan Newby
sophomore

"We finally finished up the basement because we have time. We do it as a family because what brings people closer together than anything is blood, sweat, tears, and drywall."

- Alyssa Nahnsen
senior

"I'm keeping busy in quarantine by playing games and talking to the bros online. I'm also trying to learn a new instrument just because (I can)."

- Sirius Ortiz
junior

"My husband and three kids have been staying as busy as we can. We made a family commitment to watch all nine Star Wars movies in order, so every night we help ourselves to a big bowl of popcorn and snuggle up with blankets to enjoy the show."

- Mrs. Katie Harris
math teacher

"Besides working on eLearning material, I have kept busy by working in the yard, playing video games with Bean and birdwatching. It is easy to practice social distancing with all three."

- Mr. Matthew Kalwasinki
psychology teacher

"I have been gaming with the boys."

- Joe Webster
senior

"I take bike rides and replay lego games on the Wii with my brother."

- Mateo Porras
freshman

"To keep myself busy I'm working out a lot at home! I'm watching a lot of Netflix and catching up on episodes I've missed like All American, Riverdale etc."

- Camryn Hayes
senior

Which teacher do you miss the most and why?

"I miss Mrs. Stork (now Mrs. Moor) she was funny and we would joke around."

- Cynthia Vazquez
junior

"Mrs. Terpstra because she's the sweetest and kindest teacher I've ever had and I feel like I could talk to her for days."

- Loule Meldgin
sophomore

"I miss Mrs. DeYoung because I can no longer draw pictures for her with Claire Nowak."

- Halle Asplund
junior

"I miss Mr. Barnes. He always had something funny and witty to say. His class was also mainly discussion, and I liked that, even if I didn't participate that much because I'm not that good at analyzing."

- Isaiah Kim
sophomore

"I would have to say I miss my physics teacher, Mr. Hautzinger, the most, since his class is very fun. He updates us on current events every day which keeps me in the loop."

- Libby Fesko
sophomore

"I would say Ms. Szafasz is who I miss most. Mostly because I have no one bossing me around during quarantine."

- Ms. Brianne Rubesha
science teacher

"I definitely miss Mr. Vidovic. He is not only an incredible teacher but he always tries his best to make the class entertaining because he even knew sometimes it could get dull."

- Kate Krawczyk
sophomore

"I miss my chemistry teacher, Ms. Terpstra, because she is so sweet and I love how fun and interactive the class is. By far my most favorite class."

- Antonio Cantu
sophomore

"I miss them all. I may not have spoken to all (of them), but I did see many throughout the days and weeks. I certainly miss seeing my people, my homies, but I always miss seeing my hallway mates, Administration, the aides and custodians. They were my work family, and I miss them."

- Mrs. Kathleen LaPorte
social studies teacher

"Mr. Popa because we didn't even get a full semester with him and he never fails to make my day with his good energy."

- Ballee DeJalals
sophomore

"I miss Ms. Rubesha the most because she was always the one to make me laugh all the time."

- Sanjana Tallamraju
sophomore

"I miss Mr. K the most because he always made me laugh with his sarcasm and I found his class very interesting."

- Sophia Farias
junior

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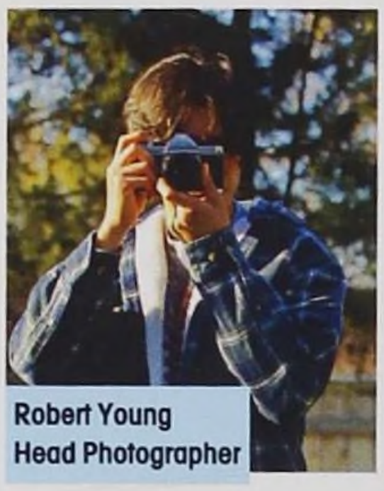
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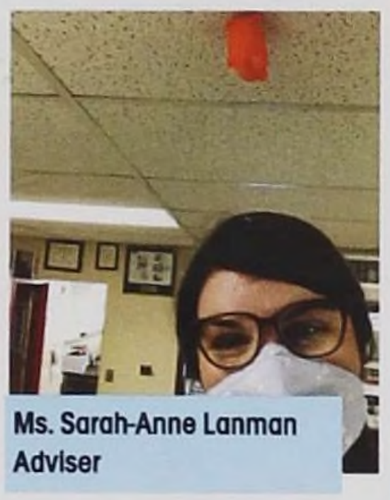
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Letter from the Editor

If there is one thing to take away from everything, it is that life will always find a way to not go as planned. This is not our ideal way to publish our final issue of Crier. We had four more issues planned, along with the final installment of our West Lake series and the Senior Issue. We love being a printed publication, passed out to hands of MHS students every Crier Friday. But alas, all of that has been cut into 16 yearbook pages (that we are grateful to have). Not even that, but our coverage mainly focuses on the virus that has changed our lives and what life is like in quarantine.

Obviously, this is not ideal for anyone. No one wanted the school year to end this way nor could anyone have anticipated it. With everything, Crier is thankful to have released every physical paper up until the last Crier Friday on March 13. We are also thrilled to be able to finish out the year with this final installment, regardless of prior plans and ambitions.

Like the way everyone has adapted to life in quarantine, Crier has adapted to this new format. Meeting at least once a week on Zoom, we have worked to cover everything COVID-19 during March, April and May. Working together in total isolation was definitely not an easy task. It takes away the collaborative nature we all share as communication becomes all virtual. And while we did struggle with the extremity of the situation and with plain old lack of motivation, we are happy to share this final issue as a thank you and a good bye to the 2019-2020 school year.

- Lexi Lindenmayer

Redefining friendship
In the Commons, Anthony Bellahcen, freshman, and Esperanza Navarro, senior, review their pictures in Photography class.
Photo by Robert Young

TAKE YOUR WORLD AND REDEFINE IT

Paragon 2020

Redefining victory
During a sectional game against Highland, Harper Swope, junior, waits to receive the ball.
Photo by Robert Young

Redefining piece
At a nighttime band practice, Oliver Segvich, senior, plays the mellophone.
Photo by Max Lindenmayer

Redefining moments
On the Wednesday of Homecoming spirit week, Tommy Choros, sophomore, fashions a red cowboy flannel.
Photo by Cali Petersen

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